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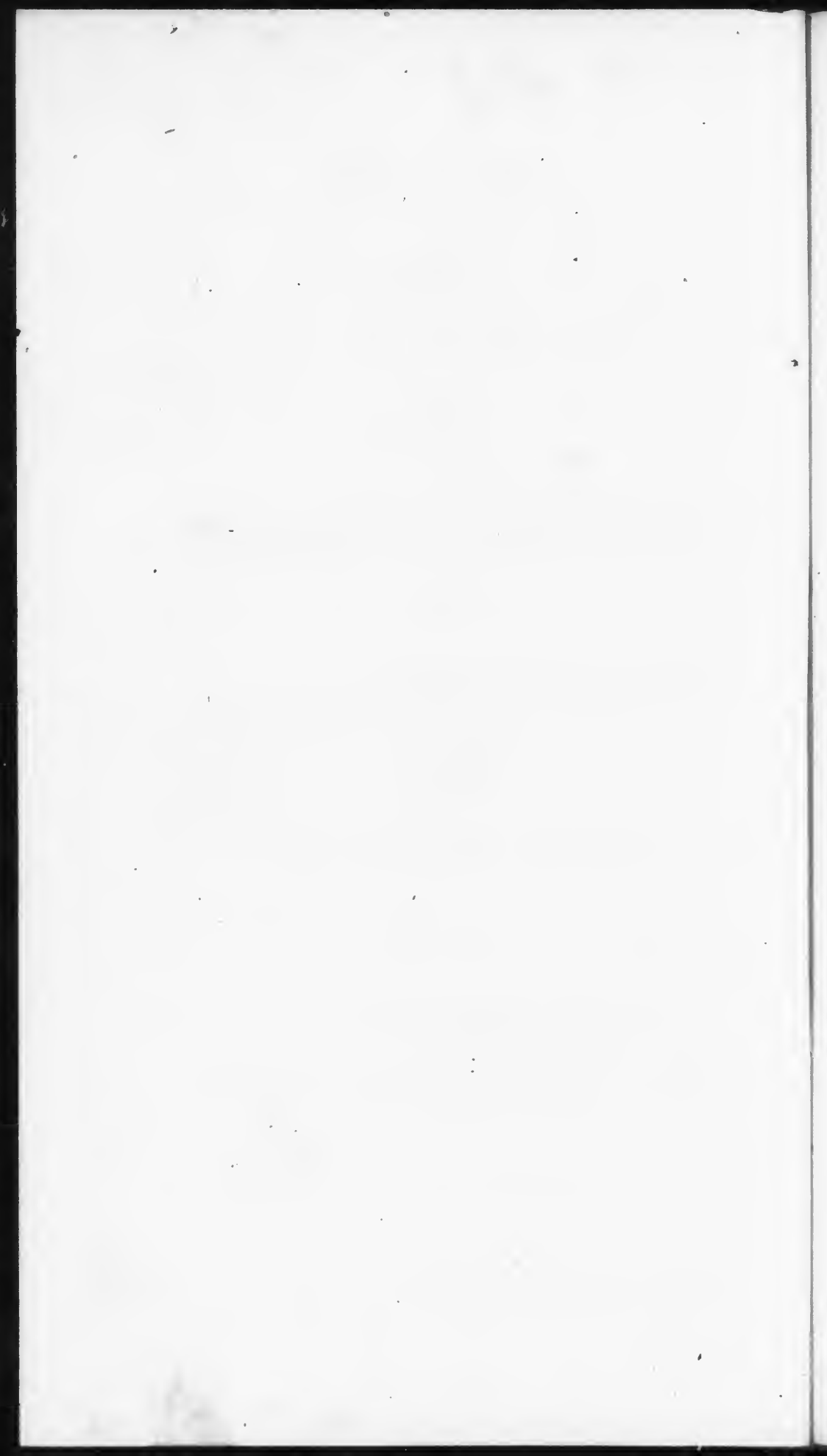
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY,—REV. E. M. H. FLEMING.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,—REV. E. H. WARING.

STEWARDS.—M. H. HARE, I. A. BRADRICK, A. C. McDONALD.

THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH met to hold its Fifteenth Session in Fairfield, September 8th, 1858, and was opened by Bishop Morris, by reading the Tenth Chapter of Matthew and singing the 214th Hymn, and Prayer.

In the absence of the Secretary of the last Conference, E. L. Briggs was requested to call the roll.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and E. L. Briggs was chosen.

E. M. H. Fleming was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Conference then proceeded to appoint the following Committees, to-wit:

COMMITTEES.

ON DIVINE SERVICE.—J. McDowell, P. F. Holtzinger.

MISSIONS.—The Presiding Elders.

EDUCATION.—J. Harris, D. Worthington, J. Haines, M. H. Hare, S. Hestwood, W. F. Cowles, G. B. Jocelyn, T. Dixon, T. M. Goodfellow, C. Elliott.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—I. I. Stewart, S. Reynolds, W. Dennett, I. Burns, J. Delay.

BIBLE CAUSE.—A. C. McDonald, A. W. Stryker, H. Gibson

SLAVERY.—R. S. Robinson, C. Morey, J. Harris, C. Elliott, Thos. E. Corkhill.

OBITUARIES.—J. Brooks, C. Elliott, Thos. E. Corkhill.

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH AND EXERCISE OF DISCIPLINE.—B. Holland, D. Worthington, J. B. Hill, C. Elliott, R. B. Allender, J. Craig, A. W. Johnson, D. N. Smith, Isaac Burns.

TOBACCO.—W. C. Shippen, J. McDowell, Strange Brooks.

POST OFFICES.—James Haynes.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—T. E. Corkhill, E. H. Waring, I. A. Bradrick.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS APPLYING FOR ORDINATION AS DEACONS THIS YEAR.—A. Robinson, Isaac McClaskey.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS APPLYING FOR ORDINATION AS ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Joseph Gassner, John Jay.

TRACT CAUSE.—Jos. Gassner, D. N. Smith, R. B. Allender.

PERIODICALS.—John Dárrah, R. B. Allender, T. E. Corkhill.

MONUMENT OF REV. JNO. H. RUFLE.—I. I. Stewart, G. W. Teas, I. A. Bradrick, Charles McDowell, Dr. W. Bird.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES FOR 1859.

FIRST YEAR.—Sam'l. Hestwood, F. M. Slusser, Thos. Dixon.

SECOND YEAR.—Jno. Harris, T. M. Goodfellow, F. W. Evans.

THIRD YEAR.—T. E. Corkhill, Jesse Craig, H. H. Badley.

FOURTH YEAR.—P. P. Ingalls, E. L. Briggs, I. I. Stewart.

TO EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF LOCAL DEACON.—Anthony Robinson, C. Woolsey.

TO EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF LOCAL ELDER.—E. M. H. Fleming, R. B. Allender.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEES.—

Keokuk	District,	E. L. Briggs, E. K. Hart.
Burlington	"	I. A. Bradrick, A. C. Williams.
Muscatine	"	W. Dennett, Wm. Wilson.
Mt. Pleasant	"	M. H. Hare, Wm. Jones.
Albia	"	R. B. Allender, D. B. H. Baker.
Oskaloosa	"	W. F. Cowles, W. J. Smith.
Des Moines	"	G. B. Jocelyn, Judge M'Henry.
Chariton	"	Amos Bussey, H. C. Sigler.
Council Bluffs	"	R. M. Donahue, Thos. H. Benton.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.—W. F. Cowles; Alternate, Adam Miller.

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

QUESTION 1ST.—Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.—Manassah B. Wayman, Emory Miller, J. M. Coonrod, Dennis Murphy, James H. Hopkins, L. B. Gordon, D. P. Coles, W. A. Watson.

QUES. 2D.—Who are continued on trial?

ANS.—Dugald Thompson, G. W. Byrkit, Geo. Clemmer, G. W. Conrad, Charles Millens, Phineas F. Bresee, A. S. Prather, Abner Orr, D. W. Robinson, Will S. Peterson, E. T. Coiner, Benjamin Shinn, Jno. R. Carey, Geo. B. Jocelyn, J. W. Todd, L. P. Crowell, A. H. Murphy, R. M. Donahue.

QUES. 3D. Who are admitted into full connection?

ANS.—Calvin F. Spooner, Jacob Delay, J. F. Goolman, Geo. N. Power, Jno. M. Baker, S. F. C. Garrison, Henry Crellin, Jno. F. Simmons, W. C. Williams, William Poston, Hiram W. Thomas, Abraham Lawbach, Thomas D. Boyles.

Re-admitted. J. W. Latham, Ephraim H. Winans.

QUES. 4TH.—Who are admitted as Deacons?

ANS.—John Elrod, W. A. Pile, Bennet Mitchell, J. S. Rand, B. F. Williams, G. W. Friend, Wm. Howbart, S. J. Gruber, Jno M. Rust, James Hynes, *C. F. Spooner, *J. F. Goolman, *Geo. N. Power, *J. M. Baker, *S. F. C. Garrison, *Henry Crellin, *John T. Simmons, *Wm. C. Williams, *William Poston.

Deacons when admitted.—Jacob Delay, H. W. Thomas, Abraham Lawbach, Ephraim H. Winans, J. W. Latham.

Local Deacons ordained this year;—James Graham, George W. Ryan, Wm. Abraham.

QUES. 5TH.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANS.—Nelson Wells, G. W. Bamford, A. J. Kirkpatrick, R. B. Allender, J. B. Rawls, J. W. Anderson, D. T. Sweem, C. P. Reynolds, Thos. Dixon, R. Mulholland, Jesse Sherwood, W. J. Spaulding, Thos. Audas, Marcus Carrier..

Local Elders ordained.—Wm. Shadford, Jacob Mahin.

QUES. 6TH.—Who have located this year?

ANS.—M. F. Shinn, John Heaton.

QUES. 7TH.—Who are the supernumeraries?

ANS.—None.

*Those were ordained this year.

QUES. 8TH.—Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers?

ANS.—L. C. Woodford, D. Dickenson, G. W. Teas, D. N. Smith, J. N. Maxon, Nelson Wells, S. Farlow, John Hayden.

QUES. 9TH.—Who have been expelled?

ANS.—None.

QUES. 10TH.—Who have withdrawn from the connexion this year?

ANS.—None.

QUES. 11TH.—Were all the preachers' characters examined?

ANS.—This was carefully attended to by calling their names respectively before the conference.

QUES. 12TH.—Who have died this year?

ANS.—None.

QUES. 13TH.—What is the number of Members, and what of Probationers in society this year?

ANS.—See Statistics.

QUES. 14TH.—What amounts are necessary for the support of superannuated preachers, their widows, and orphan children?

ANS.—See Stewards' Report.

QUES. 15TH.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts and how applied?

ANS.—See Statistics.

QUES. 16TH.—What has been collected for the causes of Benevolence the past year?

ANS.—See Statistics.

QUES. 17TH.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ANS.—See Appointments.

QUES. 18TH.—Where will our next Conference be held?

ANS.—Muscatine. Time not given.

On motion, it was resolved that the hour of meeting be fixed at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjournment at 12 o'clock M., of each day.

The accounts of the New York Book concern were presented by the Bishop, and referred to A. J. Kirkpatrick for settlement.

Resolutions from the joint mission committee respecting the

appropriation of missionary funds to our domestic missions were presented by the Bishop, and referred to the committee on missions.

The Annual Report of the book committees and the Exhibits of the Agents of the New York and Cincinnati Book Concern, were presented and read to the Conference, after which Rev. L. Swormstedt was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting the interests of the Western Book Concern. Rev. M. French, Agent of the Wilberforce University, was also introduced to the Conference, and addressed the body in regard to his mission.

The Second Question of the General Minutes, "Who are continued on trial?" was taken up. Edward F. Hill was discontinued at his own request. (1 or those continued see list of Disciplinary Questions, page 5.)

The Bishop informed the Conference that they were entitled to draw upon the Chartered fund for the sum of \$25,00, and it was ordered to be drawn accordingly.

A. Circular on unday Schools, from Rev. D. Wise, Corresponding Secretary of the S. S. Union of the M. E. Church, was referred to the Sunday School Committee.

At the suggestion of the Bishop it was resolved to hold a Sacramental and Experience meeting of the Conference on Friday next at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The appointments for the day were then announced, and, after singing "Together let us sweetly live, &c.," and prayer by Rev. C. Morey, the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met at the appointed hour, and opened with religious services by Rev. B. Holland, the Bishop in the Chair. The minutes were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the appointment of Committees to examine Local Preachers applying for Deacons' and Elders' orders. See list of committees.

Dr. C. Elliott presented and read a communication from the Board of Managers of the Ministerial Education Society at Chicago, which was then referred to the Committee on Education.

ev. D. Worthington was excused from serving as conference steward, and I. A. Bradrick was appointed in his place.

E. H. Waring was appointed Statistical Secretary.

E. L. Briggs was appointed by the Bishop to sign the name of the Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society the M. E. Church, on the Missionary Certificates.

C. Elliott was added to the Committee on Education.

The following resolution signed by S. Haines and F. W. Evans, was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we reiterate our standing resolution, requesting the Bishop not to re-appoint any Presiding Elder, who has served four consecutive years in that capacity.

J. W. Printz, a member on trial having removed to Missouri was discontinued.

Rev. F. S. DeHass, of the East N. Y. Conference, was introduced to the conference.

M. F. Shinn was located at his own request.

I. I. Stewart was made effective at his own request.

Dr. R. S. Foster, President of the North Western University, at Evanston, Illinois, addressed the Conference in regard to the interests of that Institution.

T. E. Corkhill and C. Elliott were added to the Committee on Slavery.

Rev. L. W. Berry, D. D., who was last year transferred from this to the Missouri Conference, was reported as having in the triumph of faith passed to his reward. After remarks by several of the brethren, made in a very affecting and impressive manner, by a rising vote his widow and children were admitted as claimants on the Conference funds.

The announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met at the appointed hour, the Bishop in the chair. Religious services conducted by Rev. A. Bussey.

Rev. Thomas Lee, Agent of the Central Christian Advocate, was introduced to the Conference.

John Hunt, discontinued at his own request.

Rev. F. S. DeHass addressed the Conference in reference

FOURTH DAY.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour, Bishop Morris in the Chair. Rev. L. A. Smith conducted the opening services.

The Agents made a call for the settlement of accounts.

Rev. Z. H. Coston of Pittsburgh conference was introduced to the conference,

J. H. Power reported in behalf of the Committee on Missions. Report adopted. See report.

The following Resolution, signed by W. F. Cowles and C. Elliott, was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed last year to publish the minutes, are respectfully requested to furnish the manuscripts to the Committee, appointed this year, for publication with this years minutes.

J. Darrah, and A. J. Kirkpatrick, were appointed to collect funds to defray the expence of publishing the minutes.

The Conference then gave place to a meeting of the corporators of the Iowa Wesleyan University, after the adjournment of which meeting the Conference resumed its session.

Rev. Burgess, of the Illinois Conference, was introduced to the Conference, and the question of transferring him to this body referred to the Bishop and Presiding Elders, to do as in their wisdom the interests of the work demand.

John Heaton was granted a location at his own request.

Nelson Wells was granted a superannuated relation.

After the announcements for Sabbath, &c. were made, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. C. Elliott.

FIFTH DAY.

Conference met at the usual hour, Bishop Morris presiding. Religious services conducted by Rev. D. Worthington. Minutes read and approved.

The Bishop presented a list of the brethren ordained yesterday. See page 5.

Rev. John Hazlett, a minister in orders from the German Reformed Church, was recognized as an Elder in the M. E. Church, after assuming our ordination vows.

Rev. Dr. G. St. Clair Hussey, an Elder of the Evangelical

Luthern Church, was recognized as an Elder of the M. F. Church, after assuming our ordination vows.

The Statistical Report of the Secretary was read, see report Rev. L. Swormstedt made a call on unsettled accounts.

By a rising vote the Bishop was requested to transfer Rev. John Hayden, of the Upper Iowa Conference to this body.

G. W. Teas stated that Rev. Jno. H. Ruble was the first Methodist Itinerant Preacher, who fell on Iowa soil, and offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, By the Iowa Conference that a Committee be appointed to receive subscriptions, and make the necessary arrangements to erect a suitable monument over the grave of Rev. Jno. H. Ruble, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. For Committee see page 4.

Rev. P. P. Ingalls presented an application for an appeal in the case of John B. Orr, from the decision of the Quarterly Conference of Osceola circuit. The appeal was entertained, and referred to a committee of trial, composed of A. Robinson, D. Worthington and John Harris:

John Harris offered the following:

“Whereas it is highly important that we as a body of ministers should be intimately acquainted with each others experience in order that we may sympathize with each other, Therefore

Resolved, That the brethren of the second class who are to be received into the Conference be required to give an account of their religious experience and call to the ministry before being received into Conference.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Worship be instructed to give the first evening meeting of each session of the Conference to the above purpose. Adopted.

The Conference preceeded to fix the place of holding its next session: Burlington, Mt. Pleasant, Muscatine, Ottumwa, Loudon and Indianola, were nominated: Of these Muscatine was selected. The announcements were then made and the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.—Conference met at the usual hour, the Bishop presiding. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Hill.

Minutes read, corrected, and approved.

The case of Wm. A. Scott was re-considered, and he was discontinued.

The Bishop announced the Examining and Sabbath School

committees for the ensuing year. See page 4:

The committee on Education presented a Report in regard to the Columbus Seminary, and the Iowa Wesleyan University. The Report and resolutions were adopted. See Report.

On motion of W. F. Cowles, the presiding Elders were appointed to apportion the amount set their respective districts, (for defraying the current expenses of the University,) according to their respective ability, and to use their influence to have the amount collected and paid over to the Treasurer of the University. Also the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University was instructed to inform the Presiding Elders of the amount apportioned to the several districts.

The committee in the case of John B. Orr reported, recommending that the appeal be entertained. The report was adopted. The Conference then heard the reading of the minutes of the trial, and the statements of the parties, when, on motion, it was referred back to the Quarterly Conference of Osceola circuit for a new trial.

The Report of the Stewards was presented, read, and adopted. See Report.

The committee on Periodicals reported. See Report, adopted:

C. Elliott was appointed a member of the publishing committee of the Central Christian Advocate, and John Harris of the N. W. C. Advocate.

The committee on the Bible Cause reported, which was, with the accompanying resolutions, adopted. See reports and resolutions.

Rev. Adam Miller, of the Peoria Conference, was introduced to the Conference, and the Bishop was requested by the Conference to transfer Bro. Miller to this body.

The committee on Slavery reported. Pending the consideration of the report the Conference adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. to-day.

AFTER NOON SESSION.—Conference met, and after appropriate religious services, the Bishop announced the appointments; and conference then adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS

OF THE

IOWA CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

MILTIADES MILLER, P. E.

Keokuk, Exchange st. E. L. Briggs
 Chatham Square, T. E. Corkhill,
 Montrose, J. W. Latham,
 Farmington, J. F. Goolman,
 Bentonsport, Cyrus Morey, Geo.
 W. Byrkit,
 Birmingham, Jesse Craig,
 Keosauqua, Joseph Gassner,
 Troy, Loveland T. Rowley,
 Pittsburgh, Geo. W. Conrad,
 Vernon, Richard Mulholland,
 Libertyville, Wm. C. Shippen,
 Sugar Creek Mission, to be supplied,
 Joseph Brooks, Editor of Central
 Christian Advocate, and
 member of Chatham square
 Quarterly Conference.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

J. H. POWER, P. E.

Burlington, Old Zion, J. Harris,
 Ebenezer, Isaiah A. Bradrick,
 Fort Madison, H. W. Thomas,
 Deamark, A. S. Prather,
 West Point, Geo. N. Power,
 Augusta, James G. Thompson,
 Manasseh B. Wayman,
 New London, Hugh Gibson,
 Dodgeville, Luther P. Crowell,
 Kossuth, Edmund H. Waring,
 Wappello, Isaac M'Claskey,
 Burris City mission, Charles
 Millens,
 Samuel Reynolds, Agent of the
 American Bible Society in
 Illinois, and member of Ebenezer
 Quarterly Conference,
 Burlington.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

E. W. TWINING, P. E.

Muscataine, David Worthington,
 Muscatine circuit, J. B. Hill, E.
 Miller,
 Grandview, Geo. W. Friend,
 Oakdale, J. H. M'Cutchin,
 Blue Grass, A. W. Stryker,
 West Liberty, C. P. Reynolds,
 one to be supplied
 Richmond, J. T. Simmons, S. F.
 Garrison,
 Washington, Wesley Dennett,
 North Bend, William Poston,
 Harrisburgh mission, Wm. H.
 Watson,
 Washington circuit, John Elrod,
 one to be supplied.

MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.

JOSEPH M'DOWELL, P. E.

Mt. Pleasant, Asbury Chapel;
 Pearl P. Ingalls,
 University Chapel, M. H. Hare,
 Mount Pleasant circuit, A. J.
 Kirkpatrick,
 Salem, William A. Pile, Dennis
 Murphy,
 Glasgow, Orville C. Shelton.
 Fairfield, Sanford Haines,
 Brookville, Michael See,
 Brighton, J. R. Carey,
 Marshall, Peter F. Holtzinger,
 Crawfordsville, Henry Crellin,
 Iowa Wesleyan University,
 C. Elliott, President, Wesley
 J. Spaulding, Adam Miller,
 Professors, John Darrah,
 Agent, all members of the
 University Charge, Quar-
 terly Conference.

ALBIA DISTRICT.

J. Q. HAMMOND, P. E.

Albia, Isaac P. Teeter,
 Centreville, Geo. H. Clark,
 Bellair, one to be supplied, J.
 H. Hopkins,
 Unionville, Thomas D. Boyles,
 Drakesville, Thomas Audas;
 Bloomfield, Samuel Hestwood,
 Springfield, John Burgess,
 Florice Miss., Francis H. Carey,
 Agency City, R. B. Allender,
 Ottumwa, Frank W. Evans,
 Chillicothe, to be supplied,
 Hamilton, D. T. Sweem,
 Blakesburg, Anthony Robinson,

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

WILLIAM SIMPSON, P. E.

Oskaloosa, William F. Cowles,
 Eddyville, Isaac I. Stewart,
 Fremont, John Jay, one to be
 supplied.
 Sigourney, C. Barnhart,
 Millersburgh Mission, Benjamin
 Shinn, L. B. Gordon,
 Marengo, Francis M. Slusser,
 Montezuma, D. W. Robinson,
 Indianapolis, Benjamin Holland,
 Peoria, S. S. Gruber,
 Pella, Phineas F. Bresee,
 Atica, George W. Bamford,
 Grinnell, Abner Orr,
 Galesburg; to be supplied,
 Rochester, George Clemmer,

DES MOINES DISTRICT.

JOSHUA B. HARDY, P. E.

Des Moines city, George B. Joc-
 celyn,
 Des Moines city mission, A. C.
 M'Donald,
 Adell, A. W. Johnson,
 Winterset, Thomas M. Goodfel-
 low,
 Indianola, James Haynes,
 Lawrenceburg, J. W. Conrad,
 Hartford, Abraham Laubach,
 Knoxville, Arthur Badley,

Rising Sun, H. H. Badley,
 Greencastle, A. H. Murphy.
 Newton, E. M. H. Fleming
 Monroe, Enoch Wood,
 Panora, Marcus Carrier,
 Wheeling, Lawson A. Smith,
 Beaver, J. W. Todd,

CHARITON MISS. DISTRICT.

RICHARD S. ROBINSON, P. E.,

Chariton, Amos Bussey,
 Chariton Mission, B. F. Williams
 Brooklyn, James B. Rawles,
 New Virginia, John W. Ander-
 son,
 Osceola, E. H. Winans,
 Smyrna, E. T. Coiner,
 Afton Miss., Benjamin Mitchell,
 Mount Ayer Mission, Calvin F.
 Spooner,
 Decatur, Dugald Thompson,
 Leon, Jacob Delay,
 Corydon, William C. Williams,
 Lagrange, Jesse Sherwood,
 Newburn, Thomas Dixon,
 COUNCIL BLUFFS MISSION,
 DISTRICT.

JOHN GUYLEE, P. E.

Council Bluffs Mission, Reed M.
 Donahue,
 Glenwood Mission, Isaac Burns,
 Loudon, Strange Brooks,
 Sidney, Charles Woolsey,
 Clarinda, D. P. Cole,
 Lewis and Audubon Miss. J. M.
 Rust,
 Magnolia Miss., James S. Rand,
 Bedford, Will S. Peterson,
 Quincy, William Howbert,
 Buena Vista, John M. Baker,
 Pacific city, D. H. Petefish,
 Harlan, to be supplied,
 D. H. Sargent, transferred to the
 Cincinnati Conference.
 J. W. Sullivan, transfered to the
 S. E. Indiana Conference
 J. C. Smith, and Isaac Kelly to
 the Missouri Conference.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SLAVERY.

The committee to which was referred the subject of slavery present the following report:

It is well known that the M. E. Church has always declared itself as bitterly opposed to the system of slavery, as contrary to natural law, the law of God, and all just human laws, and that it ought to be, as soon as possible, destroyed by the civil power sustaining it. And that the Church should also put forth all proper moral influences in opposition to it, in view of its total extirpation, the legislation of the State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Hence the fundamental or constitutional moral code of the M. E. Church declared, from the first, that any purchase, sale, or holding of slaves, with the intention or act to originate or continue a human being in a state of slavery was morally wrong, and expressly prohibited. The words of her general rule, including the prohibition, "the buying and selling, (or holding,) men, women and children, with an intention to enslave them." That *holding* slaves is included in the rule is clear, from the consideration that the buyer must be a holder; and so must the seller be, up to the moment of sale. And the earliest statutory rules of Methodism brought the holding of slaves as much under censure as buying and selling them, when either the intention or act of holding was on the side of slavery and against liberty. Therefore the General Conference of the M. E. Church is competent at any time to insert in the chapter on slavery the same restrictions respecting holding, as buying or selling slaves. That is, *holding*, as well as *buying*, with intent to enslave, is expressly forbidden, but temporary holding is allowed, when this temporary tenure is employed to ensure or promote liberty, but not otherwise.

It would not follow from hence that the Church can or ought to make a rule to exclude all slaveholders from the Church. The term, slaveholders, means the *legal* master or owner of a slave. The man who buys or owns a slave in order to set him free is as much a slaveholder as he who buys or owns one to continue him a slave for ever. The cruel laws make no allowance for good purposes, good acts, or good morals, for the slave code is no respecter of good morals, and has no penalty for bad morals in the case of slavery, as the system is one of violence and injustice.

There are two law maxims found in the Roman law, and recognized by every other code, that fully sustain this view. The one is, *that a law involving an impossibility is void*. The other is *that a law*

requiring a wicked act is void. Many become slaveholders by mere process of law, by inheritance, or will, without their knowledge, will, or act. And such are to all intents and purposes slaveholders, as much as those who go to the baracoons and purchase; the law making no difference. Hence the church-members will be made slaveholders, and thus slaveholders will be forced on the Church in spite of her legislation; and this will always occur where slavery exists. Hence legislation by the Church, excluding all slaveholders; is, *ipso facto*, void, because it prohibits what is impossible.

Again, suppose such slaveholders are charged as a crime, that they are slaveholders, and therefore wicked and must be expelled, the expulsion must be solely for the act of others, of which they had no knowledge, will, or act. They are therefore innocent and have committed no sin. It is therefore a wicked act to punish them, and the law requiring it is a wicked law, and therefore void. For no committee of good men would condemn such, and therefore such a law would be void. Nor would it be of any avail to say that no man is a slaveholder against his will any more than that no man can be a slave against his will, for if such a slaveholder refuses to receive the property, the law steps in and sells to the highest bidder, as the property of the disowner, and in his name and place, no matter what protest may be offered. Therefore, Church legislation excluding all slaveholders involves an impossibility, or requires the wicked act of punishing the innocent, and would therefore be void.

All the Church can do is to apply the moral precepts of the gospel to the subject—and to apply them equally to buyers, sellers, and holders of slaves, so as to condemn everything that is in favor of slavery, or against liberty. The way of obtaining slaves makes no difference as to the poor slave for he is a slave whether he is stolen from Africa, born such in America; or is inherited or bought. The slave is stolen property, and is his own owner, in justice, and every slave owner, whether he obtains his injured slave by inheritance, will, purchase, or theft, is bound to restore violated liberty. Just as a man is bound to restore stolen property to its owner, though he may have bought it, or to restore lost property, though he is the finder of it. So all just laws require.

A paper was put into our hands from a committee of the Wisconsin Conference, asking for a convention of committees, in view of harmonized action, as preparatory to the next general Conference. The former avowed teaching of the Wisconsin Conference, which affirmed that men, women, and children could be sold, bought, and held, without being considered as property, would seem to discourage co-operation; especially as their unstudied and contradictory declaration misled the majority of the last General Conference in voting that men, women, and children could be bought, sold or held, but not as property; whereas the property element is fundamental in the slave code, and, if this be done away, slavery proper exists no more. Besides, the mode proposed would seem to lead to the forming a government within a government.

It is a great cause of gratification that Rev. Joseph Brooks is nobly contending for liberty in a slave state, and there raising up the banner of pure Methodism on the very spot where it was once so violently torn down and trampled in the mire.

Your Committee believe that every christian man is bound by the morals of the gospel to exercise his civil right as a citizen in the elective franchise, and the holding of civil office, in a lawful way, as well against slavery, as against polygamy, theft, intemperance, or any such moral evil.

*In surveying the subject your committee present the following resolutions for the adoption of the Conference:

1. That we adhere to the original and present principles of the M. E. Church on the subject of slavery, as we believe it to be contrary to the law of nature, to the law of God, and to just human law.

2. That the General Conference is competent to make regulations against holding, buying, or selling slaves, when such acts are on the side of slavery, and against freedom.

3. That it is inexpedient to appoint any committee to form a part of the confederacy proposed by the Wisconsin Conference.

4. That we cordially approve of the editorial course of the Central Christian Advocate on the subject of slavery.

5. That it is the right and duty of every good citizen to exercise his rights, in a lawful way, against all moral wrong; and as well against slavery as any other.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed on behalf of the Committee

R. S. ROBINSON, Ch'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance wish to make the following report:

Whereas the subject of temperance is filled with threefold interest to man, viz. in his physical, mental, and moral well-being. And whereas the cause of intemperance is fearfully and dangerously prevalent in our midst, and whereas we know that none of the above named interests of man can be permanently advanced by or amongst drunkards, or under the influence of intoxicating liquors, and, whereas we have now in most counties of Iowa a wholesome and efficient law regulating the sale of spirituous liquors, doubly approved by the majority of the votes of Iowa, and whereas too many places are found where none are found to stand up for the enforcement of the prohibitory liquor law, *therefore resolved:*

1st. That we pledge ourselves anew as a body of ministers to use our constant efforts to mildly but firmly urge the enforcement of the prohibitory liquor law.

2nd. That we will heartily approve of all lawful efforts made by

each church and temperance organization, together with every individual effort, to put down the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

3rd. That we rejoice in the fact that in many counties of Iowa the cause of temperance is most gloriously triumphant.

Signed,

O. C. SHELTON,	} Com:
H. H. BADLEY,	
D. H. PETEFISH,	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO.

Whereas the use of Tobacco prevails to a very great extent in this country, with a cost to the consumers of Twenty Millions of dollars annually, several hundred thousand of which is expended in our own state. *Therefore Resolved:*

1. That this is a fearful waste of money, which demands the serious attention of every one professing the self-denying religion of Jesus Christ, especially of christian ministers.

2. That we regard the use of this narcotic, (except as prescribed by a physician,) as a pernicious habit, at war with cleanliness, unbecoming in christians, especially in ministers, injurious to physical, moral, and intellectual life, and leading to kindred vices.

3. That we will do all in our power to discontinue its use, both by precept and example.

4. That as a Conference we will proceed with due caution in the admission of members to this body who indulge in this practice.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

STRANGE BROOKS, CH'N.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The committee on the Bible Cause would submit that they have had the subject under consideration, and are pleased to report the cause in a prosperous condition. Notwithstanding the past year has been one of peculiar financial embarrassment, still the Bible cause has not been forgotten, nor deserted by its friends. We learn from the last annual report of the American Bible Society, that the receipts of the Iowa Conference exceed those of any preceeding year, by nearly two thousand dollars. Thus furnishing one of the most conclusive evidences that the cause of the Bible has a lodgement in the hearts of our people.

We are pleased also to learn that the work of systematic exploration and supply is carried forward with commendable zeal in many parts of our conference, and that some of our auxiliaries have resolved, relying upon God for success, to renew their efforts to introduce the Bible into our common schools.

This movement your committee regard as an omen for good, and as the dawn of better times. Your committee cannot recommend

too strongly to your consideration the importance of aiding our auxiliaries in making the Bible a text book in all our schools, and in this we should have the co-operation of all our sister churches. Yes, brethren, let us place the Bible in every school in the State.

But in this we shall meet with opposition, *Papal Rome*, and modern infidelity of every grade, from the Tom Paine school, down to the spirit rapping and free love abominations of the present day, will all oppose us.

But with the blessing of God we shall overcome all opposition and place a copy of the Bible in every school in our land.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That we have undiminished confidence in the American Bible Society as the great instrumentality for the publication and distribution of the Holy Scriptures.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we will most cheerfully co-operate with its agent, and with the distributing agents of our auxiliaries in the collection of funds, and that we will aid in every way in the circulation of the scriptures.

3rd. *Resolved*, That we will preach on the importance of placing the Bible in all our common schools, and urge upon the people to see to it that such men only be employed for teachers as have respect for the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. McDONALD, CH'N.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Periodicals submit the following as their report:

We are fully of the opinion that the popular mind receives its most prominent traits and characteristics, not so much from standard literary works, as from the numerous Periodicals thrown from the press and scattered broadcast over the entire face of our country. In confirmation of this opinion we appeal to the experience of every observer, who will doubtless attest the fact that there are probably thousands of families within the limits of our own conference, families, too of wealth and respectability, of piety and considerable intelligence, who have not a single standard work in their possession; but depend for reading matter almost exclusively upon our Periodicals.

So far then as mental culture, or the acquisition of knowledge by reading is concerned, we feel safe in stating that while some may have access to standard works, the masses have nothing beyond our common periodicals.

In view of this conceded fact, it becomes the manifest duty of the church to exercise the greatest possible care not only in the selection of proper persons to be placed at the head of our publishing department, but also, so to guard and protect their columns as that no article of an evil tendency shall find its way into them.

And so much the more, because of the confidence which our people place in the teachings of our periodicals. We deem it all important that we take heed how we build upon this foundation. We would further represent that in almost all our Periodicals there is manifested a high regard for moral principle. Upon the great question of national interest at present, the subject of slavery, they lift up their voice like a trumpet. They stand upon the side of truth and righteousness, pleading the cause of the oppressed and inculcating the true principles of civil and religious freedom. And it is the opinion of your committee that more good is being accomplished by our periodical literature by means of enlightening our people and enabling them to assume a right position upon the important questions now before the public mind, than almost any other agency employed by us. We therefore offer for your adoption, the following, to-wit:

1st. *Resolved*, That we have full confidence in the integrity and uprightness of those to whom the immediate care of our Periodicals is entrusted.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the editor of the Central Christian Advocate deserves, and hereby is tendered the warmest thanks of this Conference for the *honest*, fearless, outspoken independence which has characterized his course since his connection with that paper.

3rd. *Resolved*, That in him we recognize an able editor, and an uncompromising enemy of "the sum of all villianies."

4. *Resolved*, That while we will use proper dilligence to place in each family of our congregations one or more of our periodicals; we will make special effort on behalf of the Central C. Advocate.

JOHN DARRAH,
R. B. ALLENDER, } Com.
T. E. CORKHILL,

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee on behalf of the sunday school cause beg leave to submit the following report:

It appears from carefully prepared statistics, that about one-tenth of the children of our nation, are now in the sabbath schools of our church. It seems evident therefore, that the prosperity of our country, as well as that of our church, depends in a great measure upon the exertion put forth in the cause of sabbath schools. Never perhaps was infidelity making more gigantic efforts to overthrow christianity, than now; and we look to the sabbath school as one of the great weapons to be used in its overthrow. In order to accomplish the high destiny of this noble auxiliary of the church, it is of the utmost importance to keep the whole machinery in motion with even accelarated velocity. We are both surprised and pained to learn from a circular of the corresponding secretary of our Union, that we as a Conference, have received in donations, three thousand, four hundred and thirty-three dollars, more than we have contributed to the union the past year. According to this showing we have been greater beneficiaries than any other conference. Brethren, these

things ought not to be so. We therefore recommend the following resolutions, not only for present adoption, but future action:

1st. *Resolved*. That each preacher be earnestly and affectionately requested to comply with the disciplinary requisition in taking up a collection for the sabbath school union of our church the ensuing year.

2nd. *Resolved*, That each preacher be requested to preach at least one sermon on the cause of sabbath schools in each charge this year.

3rd. *Resolved*, That our brethren are requested to make special exertions to organize schools in new and destitute places.

4th. *Resolved*, That the presiding elders are requested to inquire at each quarterly meeting how far the foregoing have been carried out. Signed in behalf of committee.

W. DENNETT, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE.

Report of the Visiting Committee to the Iowa Wesleyan University.

The Visitors were in attendance at part of the annual examinations of the University, at the meetings of the Board of Trustees, the anniversaries, and exhibitions of the literary societies, and the commencement exercises. We endeavored, as far as our limited time would permit, to make ourselves fully acquainted with the condition, prospects, and necessities of the University. We enquired into the progress of the students in their respective studies, and examined into the labors and adaptation of the teachers in their several departments.

We regret that we were able to hear only a limited number of the classes examined. Those that we heard exhibited an acquaintance with their studies highly creditable to themselves, and complimentary to the ability and fidelity of their teachers. The classes we did not hear were reported by those in attendance to have generally passed equally good examinations. Some of them were represented as being very superior, while all showed a gratifying proficiency in their studies. It seemed to be the general verdict that in no previous year had more complete success been attained both in imparting and receiving instruction.

The meetings and proceedings of the Board of Trustees were of much interest. Every department of the University was carefully inquired into and provided for. On consultation it was deemed advisable to establish and fill a chair of German language and literature. Rev. Adam Miller, M. D., was chosen to fill the chair. It was also determined to elect a Professor for the Law department, and H. Ambler, Esq., was chosen law professor. Dr. Elliott, having served faithfully and with great acceptability as President *pro tem* during most of the past year, was unanimously elected President of the University.

The Board of Trustees also investigated carefully the accounts and proceedings of the Agents. By their request the visitors spent much of their time in looking over the accounts of the Agents, and in examining the books of the University. Owing to the fact that until lately no regular book had been opened in which to keep the accounts of the Institution several discrepancies were found in the receipts and disbursements, of its funds and some irregularities in the manner in which these funds have been kept. These were ordered to be corrected, and as a competent book-keeper has been employed to open and keep regular books, it is earnestly desired and confidently hoped that hereafter the accounts of the Institution will be kept in a regular and intelligible manner.

The exercises of commencement week were deeply interesting. The addresses delivered to the Literary Societies and to the Alumni were received with marked favor. The anniversaries of the Ruthian, and Hamline Societies called out large and appreciative audiences. The young Ladies were especially felicitous in their exhibition. Their pieces were full of elevated, sparkling thoughts, and pure Christian sentiments. These, clothed in neat, elegant language, and spoken in a cheerful tone of voice, charmed, delighted, and enchained to a late hour, the vast audience. All united in bestowing high encomiums upon their productions.

The exhibition of the young gentlemen hardly equalled in interest that of the young ladies. Their pieces mostly contained strong vigorous thought, arranged with logical precision, but they did not give evidence of that severe preparation which prunes every superfluous thought, carefully corrects the style, and studiously brings the production within that limit so indispensable to the highest excellence and success. Some of the pieces were poorly memorized and carelessly delivered; faults inexcusable in a student, and which greatly mar the beauty and effect of an exhibition.

The exercises of commencement day formed the crowning attraction of this interesting occasion. Four young gentlemen having completed the classical and one the scientific course, delivered their graduating speeches, and received the honors of their Alma Mater. All of the addresses were good; some of them very superior, giving evidence of that preparation which leaves nothing undone that can ensure success. All seemed pleased. Patrons, trustees, visitors, and instructors were delighted. It was not only a delicious "feast of reason," but there was full "flow of soul" which for the time bore all hearts forward on an impulsive tide of joy. As we listened to the noble sentiments and moving, touching words of these young men, we all felt, and some said; "Let the Iowa Wesleyan University live forever!" And all united in the wish that the luscious early fruits might be only the harbingers of that rich annual vintage to be gathered from this Institution.

The Baccalaureate of Dr. Elliott, was just what would have been expected from its talented and venerable author. Earnestly did he protest against the divorce of moral and religious intellectual

training; faithfully did he utter his warning against the Christless, soulless system of cultivating, developing, and strengthening the mind, and leaving the heart an uncultivated desert; and powerfully did he plead for the Bible in our schools, and for Christianity and religion to be mingled with all the instruction of the young.

The conferring of the degrees, and a few parting words addressed to the class with much feeling, closed this occasion of thrilling interest.

The attendance of students during the past year has been truly gratifying. Such was the stringency of the times that apprehensions were entertained that the number of students would fall below that of last year. The annual catalogue seems, at first sight, to show such a decrease; but this can be accounted for by the fact that the *primary department* was abolished at the close of the first term. In the other departments there has been an aggregate increase of thirty-three per cent. over the number of last year.

It is believed that the government of the Institution was never more efficient, the labors of the instructors never more successful, and the prospects of the University never more flattering than at the present time. We congratulate the Conference on its continued success, and bespeak for it your renewed interest, sympathy, prayers, and effort. The University depends almost entirely on you for its success; and it is for you to say whether the sun of its prosperity shall rise higher and throw a broader and higher radiance all over our fair heritage, or whether it shall decline, and shroud itself amid clouds and tempests.

Your Committee are frank to confess their fears that all the members of the Conference are not as deeply interested as they should be in the enterprise; and they are satisfied that our members generally need to be more thoroughly aroused to a sense of its vast importance.

God has committed to our care much of the rising youth of this land. Their eyes are directed to us to furnish provisions for their intellectual culture, as well as their religious wants. A vast territory from which we as a church may draw large and valuable acquisitions lies ready for occupancy. A wide field of usefulness, waving in inviting beauty, bids an entrance. God, and our position, call upon us to improve these providential openings. Should we, through apathy or indolence, fail to meet these pressing demands, it would disappoint the expectations of our children, rudely repulse them from our bosom, and drive from our communion to that of others, all the noble, aspiring natures who are seeking the qualifications imparted by education for enlarged usefulness.

"Knowledge is power," and while false systems are striving to obtain ascendancy in literary circles, this is no time for the friends of the Bible and of true Christianity to yield this powerful weapon of defense and aggression to the enemy. It is true our institutions employ some of our most valued men. But what field pays better? The professors in our University can report as great a proportion of

converts, and as valuable accessions to the Church as our pastors from the regular work. And even our Agents, estranged as they may be considered from the regular work, may in the great day of eternity have crowns gemmed with richer jewels than many of us who boast of having but one work. It is, however, all one work.—Our literary Institutions are essential parts of that grand machinery by which the Church is to move the world.

In this vast field of effort we have the richest encouragement. The success of our University has been all that its most sanguine friends could have expected. Compared with other Institutions of similar grade it is unsurpassed in its rapid advancement; in all that constitutes a true University. Ample educational provisions are made for the future. Our University is gradually rising in her glory, strength, and beauty, and, if we do our duty, will tower up in beautiful symmetry and lofty proportions, a lasting monument of our denominational energy.

But while such success has attended its efforts to afford educational facilities it has, in common with other Institutions, at times suffered from financial embarrassment. A correct exhibit of the finances of the University will be presented to the Conference. It will be seen that there is a large indebtedness to be met. Let every brother be ready with his counsel and assistance, and we shall successfully weather this difficult cape, and spread sail again in a smooth and delightful sea.

Remember, brethren, that this is OUR UNIVERSITY. OUR's in a sense in which no other in our connection can be said to belong to a Conference. This Conference is its board of Corporators. We hold its property. We elect its Trustees, and hold them responsible to us for all their acts. We select its agents. We settle and arrange its economy. The entire control of the University is in our hands and if there have been in the past any errors in its financial management the blame must fall on us. If in the future there should be mistakes, we must bear the censure, and should the University in any sense decline, ours will be the mortification of the failure. Its destinies are placed in our hands, and the honor of the Conference is staked upon the issue.

In view of these facts, we ask of you as the Corporators and Directors of the University, for the love you bear to educating the rising youth, and to the cause of God, to deliberate carefully, prayerfully and wisely for its interests. To falter now in our devotion or effort would be a base recreancy to our trusts, a burning shame to our denominational energy, a dark blot on our literary and christian enterprise. To surrender our present high position, our acquired vantage ground over our sister churches, would cover us with confusion, bring upon us the frown of God, and the censure of the whole enlightened community. Rally then, brethren, around our noble University. Let us labor unitedly for its success, and the star of its destiny shall still be in the ascendant, and shine amid the galaxy of similar Institutions, with the brightness of an unclouded glory.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. M'DONALD, CH'N.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RESOLUTIONS OF GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Your committee to whom was referred the Resolutions of the Joint Mission Committee at New York, have had the same under consideration and submit, for your adoption the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, in the judgement of this conference there is a vast extent of territory that is properly missionary ground, and that the agency of our domestic mission is indispensable in the extension and establishment, of methodism in many of our young and growing towns, and in the sparsely settled parts of our country.

Therefore Resolved, That we most respectfully request the mission committee to continue their appropriations to this department of our work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. POWER, CH'N.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The committee on the state of the Church, and administration of Discipline would report that they have had a variety of subjects under consideration, and fear that for want of time we have not been able to give to each one that attention which their importance deserves. We however recommend the following:

1st. Whereas, we learn with regret, that there is great delinquency on the part of our people in attending upon class meetings the utility of which we will not stop now to argue; but satisfied we are, that the present is not the time for relaxing the zeal to sustain this ancient peculiarity of Methodism. We are led to fear however that much of this delinquency is chargeable upon us as ministers. First in neglecting to meet the class ourselves, and secondly in not furnishing good and efficient leaders.

Therefore Resolved, That each Presiding Elder be requested to enquire at each quarterly meeting conference, whether our disciplinary rules on the subject of class meetings have been carried out by the preachers and people, and report on the same at the annual Conference in the examination of ministerial character.

2nd. Whereas we have reason to believe that the subject of receiving members into full connection in the church is in many instances greatly neglected, and in some almost totally; and, whereas, this tends greatly to disorganization by the

neglect of the ordinances of baptism and not publicly imposing upon the members the obligations of the christian life, the distinctions between the Church and the world are greatly diminished and the moral power of the former lost.

Therefore Resolved, That we remind all our Preachers having pastoral charge, of the importance of increased punctuality in attending to the ordinance of baptism both of adults and of children, and the reception of all qualified probationers into full fellowship in the church, requiring them to take upon themselves the obligations of the church according to the discipline.

3rd. Your Committee has had under consideration the subject of *finances*, and believe that the great desideratum is some well digested plan which shall secure the systematic and general co-operation of our people. We accordingly, herewith submit a financial system with the following recommendation.

Resolved, That this financial system be adopted by this Conference.

4th. Whereas, there has been great neglect in obtaining lots and grounds for church purposes, and a still greater one in securing good and valid titles to property already in possession.

Therefore, Resolved, That the form herewith submitted for the legal incorporation of Trustees, be referred to the Law Department of the Iowa Wesleyan University with a request that a proper form be prepared for publication in the conference minutes.

5th. Whereas in some societies of our work there is a growing opinion that the Presiding Eldership is an unnecessary office in the machinery of Methodism.

Therefore Resolved, That we deeply regret the existence of such sentiments in the minds of any of the members of our church, and we do hereby earnestly recommend that our preachers and people adhere in this matter to the Discipline as it is, and oppose in every prudent way the aforesaid innovation.

6th. Whereas, it is apparent that our lovefeast meetings are not what they should be in spirituality and usefulness,

Therefore Resolved, That we will whenever and wherever it is at all practicable, adhere to the rule as set forth in the discipline and practiced by our fathers.

7th. *Resolved*, That it is expedient and necessary for the promotion and preservation of harmony and uniformity in Divine services, that we affectionately request all our preachers in conducting regular church services to follow the practice of our Bishop; lining the first hymn sung, to be followed by prayer

and reading the scripture lesson. But the second hymn be sung without lining; and the concluding hymn can be lined or not, according to the wish of the Preacher.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Mission Committee met at the Bishop's room, September 9th, and agreed to the following missionary appropriations:

Burris City Mission,	-	-	-	50 00
Harrisburgh Mission,	-	-	-	70 00
Florice Miss.,	-	-	-	95 00
Millersburgh Miss.,	-	-	-	50 00
Des Moines City Miss.,	-	-	-	150 00
Chariton District,	-	-	-	125 00
Chariton Mission,	-	-	-	25 00
Mt. Ayr Miss.,	-	-	-	25 00
Afton Miss.,	-	-	-	25 00
Council Bluffs District,	-	-	-	175 00
Council Bluffs Miss.,	-	-	-	175 00
Lewis and Audubon Miss.,	-	-	-	50 00
Glenwood Miss.,	-	-	-	50 00
Magnolia Miss.,	-	-	-	75 00

JOHN H. POWERS, Pres't.

P. P. INGALLS, Sec.

I concur in the above appropriations.

T. A. MORRIS.

Fairfield, Sept. 10, 1858.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION NO 1

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the "Communication from the Board of Managers of the Ministerial Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church;" would report that, however desirable it may be to provide, by donation or loan, means to educate for the ministry in the M. E. Church, suitable young men who are financially unable to secure for themselves an education, they deem it inexpedient at the present time to recommend the organization of an auxiliary Society or to take any action in reference to the matter.

S. HAINES, CH'N.

GEO. B. JOCELYN, SEC.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRACT CAUSE.

Your Committee to whom was referred the interests of the Tract Cause, beg leave to present the following report:

It is obvious to all that this is emphatically a reading age

Trashy literature seems to be eagerly sought and devoured by the multitude. Its tendencies are ruinous. The press is an engine for good or for evil, and, perhaps, at no period of the world's history has the press of infidelity made more vigorous and persevering effort to sow the seeds of sin and death; hence the necessity of the employment of the religious press, the printed page, the diligent hand and willing heart of those who "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth." Therefore

Resolved, 1st. That in view of the rapidly increasing population of our country, the character of the literature in general circulation, and the thousands that cannot be reached with the Gospel by the regular ministry we are more than ever convinced of the importance of our Tract Society as a means of reaching themasses through the free distribution of our religious publications.

2nd. That the Presiding Elders have the oversight of the Tract interests in their respective districts.

3rd. That as preachers we will lay the claims of our own society before all our congregations and take up a collection in behalf thereof, one-half of which shall be returned to the charge in Tracts or "Good News," for general circulation.

4th. That we will recommend to, and endeavor to enlist our people in the circulation of our tract publications.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH GASSNER.

D. N. SMITH.

R. B. ALLENDER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION NO. 2.

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the articles of incorporation of the Columbus Seminary would present the following report:

From the representations made to the Committee by bros. Guylee, Petefish, and J. Brooks, it appears that a good building, three stories high, suitable for seminary purposes, in Mills Co., Iowa, is in process of erection, and will be completed and ready for occupancy, on or about January 1st, 1859.— Said building will be worth about \$25,000, and will be almost entirely free from debt, a balance of some \$1,500, or less, being unpaid. The prospect for students is said to be excellent.

In the Articles of incorporation of said Seminary, the following declarations are to be found: The Seminary is called, "The Columbus Seminary of the Iowa Annual Conference of the M. E. Church."

ART. I. The Trustees "can make all by-laws, rules, or regulations for its government, subject to the approval of the Iowa Annual Conference. It shall be under the exclusive control of the Iowa Annual Conference of the M. E. Church.

ART. IV. They are to report annually a "full statement of their acts and doings," to the Iowa Annual Conference.

ART. IX. The Conference will appoint a visiting committee.

ART. XII. The articles of incorporation cannot be altered without the "consent of the Iowa Annual Conference."

From the foregoing it appears that the Seminary is completely under the control of the Iowa Annual Conference of the M. E. Church that all its regulations are to be approved by said Conference, and that it claims no higher grade than that of a Seminary. Such being the representations, your Committee would offer for adoption the following resolutions.

Resolved, That this Conference accept "Columbus Seminary under the articles of Incorporation herewith presented, and extend to it our patronage; *provided*, 1st, that the Conference under no circumstances shall ever be made responsible for any pecuniary liabilities the Seminary has incurred or may hereafter incur. *Provided*, 2nd, that no attempt be made to elevate it into a College or University, or to create endowment funds beyond the wants of a Seminary, and *provided further*, that in seeking donations for the Seminary, the Trustees shall be confined to the territory in the Council Bluffs District in which the Seminary is located.

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed Trustees:

For one year: Rev. Isaac Burns, Rev. D. H. Petefish, and Rev. Benj. Rector.

For two years: Rev. Joseph Brooks, Loudon Mullin, Esq., and Rev. J. M. Rust.

For three years: Rev. J. Guylee, Hon. T. H. Benton, jr. and Rev. Wm. Armstrong.

Resolved, That C. Nuckolls, Esq. Hon. — Sears, C. Stone Esq. C. N. Andrews, Esq., and C. Pitzer be appointed visitors for the current year.

Resolved, That the Articles of incorporation, or an authenticated copy of them, be filed with the papers of this Conference.

IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

In reference to the Iowa Wesleyan University, your Committee would report that it still maintains its advanced position in regard to the education of the youths who are within its walls, and that it is steadily increasing its usefulness and pow-

er in the community and the Conference. During the last year an excellent religious influence has prevailed in the University. About sixty of the students or more experienced religion during the year in both of the pastoral charges. A very respectable number of the students were religious previous to their entering the Institution, and the good effects of their example and influence upon the other pupils were manifest not only in preserving excellent order, but also in securing close attention to their studies.

The progress of the College department is, under the circumstances, without a parallel in the history of Methodist Colleges. Two years ago it graduated one. It has since graduated two classes of five in number. At the time of the first graduation, the faculty had but little, if any, prospect of a Freshman class, and were apprehensive that in the year 1860 they would be without a Senior class, but now the class for the commencement of 1860, the present junior class, numbers eight, and is as fine a class as can be found in any College.—There are at this time 50 students in the regular collegiate department, 20 of whom are in the present freshmen class.

The present year has opened with better prospects than ever. Notwithstanding the hard times, 140 students have already been enrolled, and when their age, talents, and piety are taken into account, we can but indulge the hope that the present year will be the most successful with which our University has yet been favored.

The most perfect harmony and good feeling prevail among the faculty, each member manifesting a deep interest in the Institution, and doing all he can for its promotion. They are a unit in regard to the interests of the University. With them all selfish desires are sacrificed for its advancement, and they spare no pains in laboring to make the Institution equal to any in the west.

While our noble University is doing an excellent work for the cause of sanctified education in our state, it is still somewhat embarrassed in that the endowment funds are not all secured, and that much of that which has been already secured is not available. It therefore, devolves upon all Methodists, and the friends of the Methodist E. Church, at this time, to aid in meeting the current expenses of the Institution.

Your Committee therefore, offer the following for adoption:

Be it resolved by the members of the Iowa Annual Conference, that we will use our utmost endeavors to raise the sum of four thousand dollars to defray the current expenses of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

Resolved further that we request the *Mt. Pleasant District* to become responsible for the salary of Dr. Elliott.

That *Keokuk District* become responsible for the salary of Prof. Gray.

That *Burlington District* become responsible for the salary of Prof. Spaulding.

That *Muscatine District* become responsible for the salary of Mrs. Prof. M. J. A. Kelly.

That *Oskaloosa District* become responsible for the salary of Prof. Beattie.

That *Albia and Des Moines Districts* be requested to raise for publication of Catalogues, purchasing fuel, &c. \$500 00.

That *Chariton and Council Bluffs District* be requested to raise for other contingent expenses \$300 00.

Your Committee would also recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved that Rev. S. Haines, Rev. A. C. M'Donald, Rev. John Harris, Rev. Isaac A. Braderick, Rev. Thomas Audas, Rev. E. L. Briggs, Rev. A. Bussey, Rev. L. T. Rowley, and Rev. E. W. Twining be appointed visitors to the Iowa Wesleyan University for the present year.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. John Darrah, agent for the Iowa Wesleyan University for the ensuing year.

S. HAINES, CH'N.

GEO. B. JOCELYN, SEC.

ON THE DEATH OF REV. L. W. BERRY, D. D.

Seldom, if ever before in the history of the Iowa Conference, have we been called upon to commemorate and record an event so sad and afflicting, as that experienced during the past year, in the death of our beloved friend and Brother, L. W. Berry, D. D.

It is true that Dr. Berry was not at the time of his death a member of this Conference, having been transferred last May to the Missouri Conference. Yet from his former prominent position and arduous labors among us, and in view of his character as one of the most extensively known, and universally beloved of all our Ministers in the Western States, we feel called upon to give an expression of our heartfelt sorrow at this great bereavement.

At our last annual session, Dr. Berry was among us, mingling in our society, uniting in our councils, and joining in our devotions. His health was firm, his constitution iron-like, and, rejoicing in his strength, he gave promise of useful labor for many years to come.

A few days after the adjournment of our Conference a negotiation for the establishment of a Methodist University, at Jefferson City, Mo., was completed. The friends of this enterprise, justly estimating the critical character and magnitude of the work of establishing such an institution, cast about them for a man to lead the enterprise whose very name should constitute a tower of strength and give to friends and foes a guarantee of final success. All, as with one accord, fixed at once upon Dr. Berry.

At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees, embracing a number of the most eminent men of Missouri, Dr. Berry was unanimously elected President of the University. To accept such a position and its surroundings, was, perhaps, the greatest trial of his life. It was to break away from a position, and a circle of friends in connection with which he had fondly expected to end his days. It was to cut loose from a body of men for whose official character he entertained the highest respect, and for many of whom personally he manifested a friendship and affection of the most ardent character. More than this, it was to plunge into a scene of conflict where an amount of opposition and suffering was unparalleled in the modern history of Methodism and of our holy christianity. Nevertheless, with this struggle in all its phases, embracing the bitterest persecution from bigoted partizans, enemies of freedom and of God, at the call of DUTY he broke away, and with the self-sacrifice and devotion which mark the missionary of the Cross, he *accepted* the position.

It is due to say that this step was not taken until after extensive consultation with our bishops, and other prominent ministers of our Church. Thus endorsed and sustained, the position was accepted by our departed brother.

Touching the history of the disease by which that athletic man went down to the grave, it is only proper here to say that it was, perhaps, produced by over mental exertion and exposure in the Inauguration of the University.

After lingering for months under deep affliction, during which time he continued to work by correspondence and otherwise for the promotion of the interests of the University, he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on the 24th of July, 1858, in the city of Cincinnati.

The following resolutions are hereby offered for the adoption of the Conference:

Resolved, 1st. That in the death of Rev. Lucien W. Berry, D. D., the M. E. Church has parted with one of her strongest pillars, and one of her brightest ornaments.

2nd. That we contemplate with regret the loss sustained by our Church in Mo., and the University at Jefferson City in particular.

3rd. That we extend to Mrs. Berry, our christian sympathy, and pledge to her and her fatherless children our earnest prayers for their prosperity in this world, and their final salvation in heaven.

4th. That we instruct the secretary of this Conference to furnish a copy of this preamble and resolutions to sister Berry, and to our church papers for publication.

JOSEPH BROOKS.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF IOWA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society was held in the Methodist Episcopal church, Fairfield, on Friday evening, September 10, 1858, Rev. S. Haines, President, in the chair.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. R. S. Robinson, after which the Treasurer, Rev. E. M. H. Fleming, presented his annual report.

The following persons were nominated and elected officers of the society for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT—Rev. Amos Bussey;

VICE PRESIDENT—Rev. B. Holland;

SECRETARY—Rev. Edmund H. Waring;

TREASURER—Rev. Isaiah A. Bradrick;

MANAGERS—Revs. J. H. M'Cutchen, Anthony Robinson, A. C. Barnhart, G. H. Clark, D. T. Sween and A. Badley.

Interesting and affecting addresses were delivered by Rev. C. Elliott, D. D., Rev. F. W. Evans, Rev. T. E. Corkhill and Rev. G. B. Jocelyn, after which the annual collection was taken up.

Resolutions were adopted pledging the sympathy and support of the society to the missions in France, asking the missionary Board to place France again on the list of our missions, and directing that the missionary collections be taken up *in all our charges* this year, sometime in the month of January.

The meeting then adjourned.

E. L. BRIGGS, Sec.

The following is a detailed list of missionary subscriptions for this year, as far as it has been supplied:

Indianola—E. G. Crosthwaite, collector.—Mrs. Mary Griffith, sen., \$1; Mrs. Mary Griffith, jun., 5; Mrs. E. Badley, 5; Durbin L. Badley, 1; Mrs. Francis Maxwell, 1; Mrs. Margaret Richard, 1; Mrs. Elizabeth Conrad, 50c; Mrs. Nancy Crosthwaite, 1; E. Y. Crosthwaite, 2; small sums, 75c.—Total, 18.25. *Hon. P. P. Henderson, collector*.—Martha P. Henderson, \$5; P. P. Henderson, 1; small sums, 1.60.—Total, \$7.60. *J. P. Crosthwaite, collector*.—S. W. Gilmore, 50c; Oliver Orr, 50c; H. W. Maxwell, 50c; J. P. Crosthwaite, 1; Wm. Chittenden, 50c; small sums, 25c.—Total, \$3.25. *J. D. M'Cleary, collector*.—Jesse Dillon, 2, R. A. Bodley, 1; L. H. Bodley, 1; S. J. Badley, 1; John A. Oliver, 1; Lewis C. Silcott, 1; a friend to missions, 1; J. D. M'Cleary, 50c; small sums, 25c.—Total, \$8.75. *A. W. Richards, collector*.—Mrs. E. Hood, 50c; J. S. Jones, 50c; C. D. Griffith,

50c.--Total, \$2. *G. E. Griffith, collector.*—Wm. Hutt, 50c; J. W. Brown, 50c; J. W. Griffith, 59c; Mrs. M. Hutt, 50c; Mrs. Wood, 50c; Mrs. L. Mahan, 50c, G. E. Griffith, \$5.—Total, \$8. *Pleasant Hill—Elijah Bilbo, collector.*—H. H. Badley, 5; E. F. Bilbo, 5; E. Bilbo, 5; A. Randolph, 2; T. M. M'Clure, 50c; small sums, 85c. Total, 18,35. *M. E. Sunday School, Indianola.*—Collected monthly, 12,54. Whole sum reported by Rev. H. H. Badley,

\$78,74

Muscatine Circuit.—Rev. H. Moss, 5; Mr. Foss, 3; P. Loy, 2; T. Bartlett, 1; H. Corwin, 1; from sundry persons, 6,93. Whole sum reported by Rev. J. B. Hill,

18,93

Newton Station. Thos. Arthur, 50c; A. C. Carrier, 1; E. Fitch, 2; Delia Fry, 1; Ella Kennedy, 50c; Mrs. Gaggard, 50c; C W Clark, 50c; C Clark, 1; G Fry, 1; W R Wilson, 50, P Armintrout, 50c; M C Bridwell, 50c; Hugh Rogers, 1; J Cross, 50c; J Matthews, 50c; J B O'Neal, 1; Mr Hough, 1; N Trotter, 50c; James Trotter, 50c; sundry amounts, 20,39: ditto at Hixon's, 7,11. Whole sum reported by Rev E M H Fleming,

42,00

Bentonsport Circuit. S M'Farland, 1; A Keplinger, 50c; G Walter, 50c; B Widener, 50c; S Whittaker, 50c; T Williamson, 50c; C Cozer, 50c; sister Greer, 50c; sister Park, 1; B L Kyes, 1; W Heck, 1; A P Harr, 1; J Heck, 1; W Campbell, 50c; A N Norris, 50c; small sums, 16,85; donation to foreign missions by Martha Daniels, 10. Whole sum reported,

\$37,35

Glasgow Circuit, Troy's Point, Levi Fawcett, collector, 925: Walnut, *James D Edwards, collector,* 5,35: Salina, *Baker M Allender, collector,* 4,75: Richwoods, *Riley Jones, collector,* 855: Wheeler, S. H., *brother Bennett, collector,* 743: Glasgow, *brother Love, collector,* 10. Whole sum reported by Rev. Orvill C. Shelton,

\$45,25

New London Circuit. To constitute Mary M'Donald a life member of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society, P D Armstrong, William F Anderson, C A Gregory, J Anderson, and J Newell, each 1; A Baxter, 5; Margaret Farlow, 5; Geniza Moore, 5; Mary Goss, 5; John Mocre, 5: all the above to be life members of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society; N Farlow, 1; S Goss, 1; H Goss, 1; J Humbs, 1; M Richards, 30c; Jane Moore, 2; D Pearson, 2,50; J Baxter, 50c; G Stafford, 1; R Baxter, 1; J Hale, 1; M Gilbreth, 50c; William Lee, 1; D W Steel, 1. Whole sum reported by Rev Hugh Gibson,

\$46,30

Kossuth Circuit, Mrs. Ann Coonrod, collector, 8,50: *Mrs. M. A. Hall, collector,* 3,80: *Miss Wilcox, collector,* 7,35: *Miss Minerva Carmean, collector,* 2,20: Kossuth, 1965; sundry sums, 3,50. Whole sum reported by Rev. E. H. Varing,

\$50,00

Asbury Chapel, Mount Pleasant—Rev. L. L. Hamline,

\$25: Mrs E S Cook, 25: Mrs L L Hamline, 10: Rev J H White, 5: Hon E Kilpatrick, 5: Asbury Sunday School, 5: J C Lockwood, 5: T Whiting, 5: Ann Whiting, 5: Peter Housel, 5: Mr Philips, 50c: Thomas Lash, 50c: W S Viney, 1: Mrs Wise, 50c: W S Scott, 1: Mrs W W Pennington, 1: Miranda Bird, 50c: Dr W Bird, 1: Edward S Winslow, 40c: N Lathrop, 50c: C Lathrop, 50c, S M Crowell, 50c: W Jones, 1; D Philips, 1: W Leisenring, 1: J B Drayer, 1: E Rockhold, 50c: A Carmine, 50c: Thomas Nelson, 50: J E Dougherty, 50c: T M Karr, 50c: E Karr, 50c: E Champ, 50c: J C Gregg, 1: John Jericho, 50c: H Ambler, 2: L P Ambler, 50c: Jacob Kaufman, 1: T E Hargrave, 50c: E L Penn, 50c: A A Penn, 50c: W F F Dougherty, 1, Mrs Dougherty, 1, I P Warwick, 50c, J Freeze 50c, F C Pitcher, 1, A C Parks, 2, D S Elliott, 1, A S Wollard, 50c, S H Spears, 50c, H S Robertson, 50c, L L Rich, 50c, J P Grantham, 1, Louisa Jones, 50c, Ford Barns, 50c, brother Popham and family, 1,25, J M Cosby, 1, Mrs Carpenter, 50c; Mrs J Martin, 50c, Mrs Dodson, 1, C N M'Dewell, 1,50, miscellaneous, 15,80. Whole sum reported by Rev. M. H. Hare, \$145,05

The following persons were constituted life members of the Parent and Iowa Conference Missionary Societies during the past year, the former by the payment of \$20, and the latter of \$5 each at one time:

PARENT SOCIETY.—Sarah E. Cobb, Sarah M. Dawson, Margaret A. Elsey, Newton Heaton, Fidelia P. Kelly, Rev. G. Moore, Rev. James S. Rand, Rev. Edmund H. Waring.

CONFERENCE SOCIETY.—Mrs. Elmira Allender, Nancy C. Allen, Eliza J. Allen, Asbury Sunday School, Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Rebecca Alexander, Rev. John B. Abby, Mrs. J. Bennet, Nancy Bean, Rev. H. H. Badley, Mrs. Elizabeth Badley, Mrs. E. Bilbo, Mrs. E. F. Bilbo, S. H. Bradley, Mr. A. Baxter, Rev. Mr. Cook, Mrs. Emily L. Cook, Seymour D. Coonrod, Mrs. C. M. Darrah, Mrs. William Daniels, Miss Martha Daniels, Thomas D. Evans, Mrs. M. Farlow, Mrs. Harriet Griffith, Henry Griffith, Rev. L. L. Hamline, Virginia M. Hamline, John H. Hamline, William Hammond, Ella Hare, Mary Ann Holtzinger, Samuel Henderson, Margaret E. Hall, John W. Kirkendall, Ann Kirkendall, Francis A. Kilburn, Sarah Kilburn, Mary Kilburn, Abigail Kilburn, Miss Sarah Kilpatrick, Lucy W. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Eliza Krebs, John M. Lockwood, Miss Martha Lockwood, Lewis Lathrop, Calla Lathrop, Casper Miller, Charlotte Mauzer, Lizzie M'Cutchcon, Rev. H. Moss, George W. Moor, Rev. J. M. Moore, Mrs. E. Moore, Margaret E. Prather, Mary A. Popham, Ella Penn, Sarah J. Rudd, Susan Sens, Mrs. L. D. Stockton, How-

ard E. Snider, Mary Scott, Mrs. Ann Shadford, Susan Turner,
Miss Vanschoik, Charles C. Whiting, Henry Whiting, J. D.
White, Mary A. Waring.

Signed,

EDMUND H. WARING, Sec'y.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Names of Charges	Names of Preachers	Quarterage Claims	Table Expenses	House Rent	Travelling Expenses	Total Claims	Receipts	Deficiency
KEOKUK DISTRICT.								
Exchange street	M. Miller P. E.	290	276	126	8	610	409	201
Chatham Square	M. F. Shinn	200	400	140	—	740	740	—
Montrose	J. C. Smith	216	250	45	30	541	305	236
Farmington	R. Mulholland	232	127	60	10	429	349	80
Bentonsport	J. F. Goolman	278	220	72	10	580	490	90
"	C. Morey	100	60	—	3	163	126	37
Birmingham	G. W. Conrad	256	283	—	8	547	547	—
Kewanqua	S. Brooks	304	200	—	—	504	504	—
Troy I.	L. T. Rowley	294	106	—	—	370	364	6
Pittsburgh	B. Holland	216	144	40	25	425	202	216
Vernon	N. Wells	256	125	50	—	431	295	135
Libertyville	J. Hunt	232	210	—	18	460	254	206
Sugar Creek	J. H. M'Cutchen	290	100	—	—	360	91	209
	J. Graham, supply							
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.								
Old Zion	J H Power P. E.	200	450	200	45	895	565	330
Ebenezer	I A. Bradrick	216	500	—	—	716	716	—
Fort Madison	S Reynolds	200	250	150	8	608	281	327
Denmark	D H Sargent	264	286	—	100	640	396	244
Vest Point	A S Prather	100	108	—	20	228	228	—
Augusta	G N Power	200	200	72	—	472	375	97
New London	D Worthington	296	325	30	—	651	526	125
Dodgeville	H Gibson	256	344	—	—	600	404	196
"	J M'Clasky	226	216	—	10	452	260	192
Kossuth	D Thomson	100	37	—	3	140	110	30
Wappello	E H Waring	248	207	—	30	485	485	—
Burriss City	J G Thompson	200	200	99	—	499	170	329
	A Orr	100	150	25	14	289	289	—
MUSCATINE DISTRICT.								
Muscataine sta.	E W Twining P. E.	256	300	—	12	568	256	312
Muscataine cir.	J Harris	224	300	100	13	637	637	—
"	J B Hill	256	244	—	—	500	426	74
Grandview	S F C Garrison	100	50	—	14	164	128	36
Oakdale	J Elrod	256	120	—	—	376	356	20
Blue Grass	J W Sullivan	260	290	—	—	550	450	100
Cedar Valley	G W Friend	334	141	—	—	475	449	26
Richmond	A W Stryker	320	165	—	9	494	494	—
Washington sta.	J F Simmons	248	200	—	10	458	458	—
Washington cir.	W Dennett	216	284	125	—	625	625	—
North Bend	W C Shippen	216	225	105	—	546	429	117
Harrisburgh	W Poston	216	100	64	10	350	350	—
	No Report							
MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.								
Asbury Chapel	J M'Dowell P. E.	200	200	125	25	650	488	162
University Chapel	M H Hare	232	500	—	—	732	732	—
Mt Pleasant cir.	C Elliott	200	350	150	—	700	700	—
Salem	M See	280	250	70	—	600	600	—
Glasgow	W A Pile	248	180	60	12	500	455	45
Fairfield	O C Shelton	224	276	—	—	500	381	119
Brookville	C Mellens	100	40	—	—	140	84	56
Brighton	P F Hultzinger	256	275	—	30	561	561	—
Marshall	J Gassner	264	275	75	—	614	300	314
Crawfordsville	A J Kirkpatrick	280	295	—	—	575	575	—
"	H W Thomas	200	150	—	—	350	245	5
"	O P Reynolds	295	180	—	—	475	295	—
"	H Crollin	200	100	18	12	330	229	—

STEWARD'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

Names of Charges	Names of Preachers	Quarterly Claims	Table Expenses	Rent	Travelling Expense	Total Claims	Receipts	Deficiency
ALBIA DISTRICT.								
Albia	J I Hammond P. E.	200	200	100	15	515	455	60
Centerville	Q W Evans	200	184			400	400	
"	E L Briggs	296	250		35	571	340	231
"	E Hill	100	100			200	111	89
Unionville	F H Carey	240	150			399	230	169
Drakeville	J P Teeter	232	200		36	467	386	80
Kloomfield	S Hestwood	280	250	75	10	615	615	
Springville	T D Boyles	272	200			472	472	
Florice	B Mitchell	200	100			300	300	
Agency City	R B Allender	256	250		28	534	566	28
Ortunwa	A Robinson	230	240	100		600	432	168
Chillicothe	G H Clark	216	140	50	7	413	324	89
Hamilton	W S Peterson	200	150		30	380	275	105
Cleveland	Bro. Paul, supply	200	120	40	12	372	266	106
OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.								
sta.	Wm Simpson P. E.	262	388	150	12	812	500	312
Eddyville	W F Cowles	256	344	150	72	822	822	
Fremont	R S Robinson	300	300	100	55	755	755	
"	J Jay	300	100		40	272		128
"	G Clemmer	100	30			130	93	37
Sigourney	F M Slusser	232	270		18	520	375	145
Marango	A C Barnhart	216	255		29	500	360	140
"	P F Bresee	100				100	69	31
Montezuma	J Craig	256	335	100		691	374	317
Indianapolis	W A Scott	216	68		66	350	212	138
Peoria	S S Gruber	200	200	60	10	470	310	160
Pella	D W Robinson	175	100	24	11	310	234	76
Attica	G W Bamford	232	160		24	416	236	180
Millersburgh	B Shinn	216	125			341	316	25
DES MOINES DISTRICT.								
Des Moines City	J B Hardy P. E.	248	400	120	32	800	555	245
Des Moines City Miss.	G B Jocelyn	256	504	240	37	1037	853	184
Adel	A C McDonald	216	313	125	46	700	520	180
"	A W Johnson	240	200	80	15	535	288	247
"	J W Todd	100	39	80	4	134	134	
Winterset	J Haynes	216	200	72	48	536	440	96
Indianola	H H Badley	288	205			493	493	
"	M Carrier	206	40	60	30	430	220	210
Hartford	A Laubach	282	224	36	16	558	336	222
Knoxville	A Badley	240	240	120	20	620	416	204
Rising Sun	L A Smith	280	275	20	70	645	552	93
Greencastle	A H Murphy	200	123	20	43	386	200	186
Newton	E M H Fleming	256	300		12	568	568	
Menroe	A Bussey	272	270	98		670	392	278
Panora	J Heaton							
Wheeling	E Wood	248	200	72	5	525	149	376
CHARITON DISTRICT.								
Chariton sta	P. P. Ingalls, P. E.	232	250			482	350	132
" cir	L. F. Crowel	186	84		48	318	124	194
Brooklyn	B. F. Williams	240	203	36		479	386	93
Orcola	T. Dixon	291	109			400	300	100
G W By	I. R. Carey	100	105		25	230	230	
Afton	G W Byrkit	272	178			450	222	228
Mt Ayer	C F Spooner	200	150	72		422	180	242
Decatur	J Sherwood	300	75			375	193	182
Leon	W C Williams	200	140			340	340	
Corydon	E T Coiner	284	158			442	442	
Lagrange	D T Sweet	280	202	37	10	529	369	160
Newburn	J Delay	286	200	36	16	538	250	288
Adair	J B Rawls							
	W Claridge							

STEWARD'S REPORT—CONCLUDED.

Names of Charges	Names of Preachers	Quarterage Claims	Table Expenses	Rent	Travelling Expenses	Total Claims	Receipts	Deficiency
COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT	J Guylee P. E.							
Council Bluffs	T M Goodfellow	232	568			800	231	569
Glenwood	D H Petefish	216	482	125	46	869	869	
London	W Howbart	280	475		20	775	775	
Sidney	C Woolsey	216	300		15	531	331	200
Lewis and Pottawatamie	J M Rust							
Audubon	J M Baker							
Magnolia	J T Rand	224	327	125	40	716	489	227
Taylor	J Kelly							
Quincy	I Burns	200	200		14	414		
Montgomery	R M Donahoe	200	250			450	414	390
Buena Vista	J Anderson	264	224			488	60	238

RECAPITULATION—BY DISTRICTS.

District	Claims	Receipts	Deficits	Receipts Per Ct
Keokuk	6 100	4 684	1 416	76
Burlington	6 675	4 805	1 870	73
Muscataine	5 743	5 058	885	72
Mt Pleasant	6 727	5 645	1 082	83
Albia	6 228	5 114	1 114	84
Oskaloosa	6 617	4 938	1 689	84
Des Moines	8 637	6 126	2 511	71
Chariton	5 005	3 377	1 628	71
Council Bluffs	5 043	3 419	1 625	71
	56 765	43 166	13 619	74

Claims of effective Prechers.....56 765

Claims of Superaunuated, widows and orphans1 705

15 224 00

Received by collections from Circuits &c43 166 00

Conference collections20 50

Chartered fund25 00

Fifth collection34 15

Whole deficiency.....15 224 35

CLAIMS AND RECEIPTS OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

	Claims	App't'n.	Deficiency
Mrs Arrington and children	148	19 90	128 10
Mrs Clark	148	19 90	128 10
Mrs Berry	148	*19 90	128 10
Mrs Jamison and child	124	16 70	107 30
Bro. Ockerman's child	24	3 25	20 75
	592	79 65	512 76

From the above it will be seen that the appropriations were only about $13\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the claims of the Widows and Orphans.

Respectfully submitted.

M. H. HARE,
A. C. M'DONALD, } Stewards.
I. A. BRADRICK,

* Four dollars additional, paid by Rev. E. L. Briggs after closing the above Report were disbursed, by order of Conference, to Mrs. Berry.

SECRETARYS REPORT—STATISTICS.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

	Numbers			Bapt's	Church Prop.			Benevolent Contributions				Sunday Schools							
	Members	Deaths.	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults Baptised	Children Baptised	No of Churches	Probable value	No of Parsonages	Probable value	Collected for Conference Claimants	Collected for Mission	Col. for Tract So.	Collected for Bible Society.	Collected for S. S. Union	No of schools	No Officers & Teachers	No of Sunday S. scholars	No of volumes in Library.
Keokuk Ex: st	80	1					1	5 000								1 30	140	1000	
" Chatham sq	160			2			1	30 000							\$70	1 25	175	1435	
Montrose	121	1	48	4	12	26	3	2 000								4 37	140	515	
Farmington	140	82	1				12	2 000				17 00				5 43	255	790	
Bentonsport ...	360	5	40	2	37	9	3	3 550				37 35	8 00			6 75	260	624	
Birmingham...	250	5	38	2	40	30	3	2 000	1	400		12 75				3 36	210	500	
Keosauqua.....	185	6	31	1	30	20	1	4 000	1	850		1 00				2 22	190	500	
Troy	345	5	27	6	12	30	1	1 200	1	500		5 00				9 54	280	1300	
Pittsburg.....	150	2	6	1			2	1 000								1 15	64	300	
Vernon.....	167	37	3				1									2 28	130	175	
Liberty ville ...	158	3	22	4		20	1	300	1	500		51 76				4 75	150	200	
Keokuk city m	55	3			4	3										4 21	138	317	
SugarCreek.....	139		54																
	2 316	28	388	26	135	138	19	51 050	4	2250		124 86		8 00	\$70	42 461	2132	6956	

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Burlingt'n O Z	175	1	4	1	6	6	1	7 000	1	3000		41 00	3600			1 18	140	600	
" Ebenezer	117	1	13		4	2	1	15 000			3 40	6 00	500			1 20	175	425	
Ft Madison ...	74	2	38		5		1	250								2 20	105	540	
Denmark	75	1	14	1	7		1	200				10 00				4 34	112	367	
West Point ...	129	1					4	5 00				10 00				2 35	223	500	
Angusta.....	261	3	41	3	21	21	3	3 700				62 25	4000			6 75	335	944	
New London...	295	3	31	7	15	12	2	2 000	1	450	5 15	44 60	1000		1 00	3 43	232	39	
Dodgeville....	180	19	3	6		4	1	1 200	1	600		8 85				5 40	300	356	
Kossuth.....	157	1	7	1	18	18	2	3 602	1	700		50 00				2 23	80	350	
Wappello.....	110		6	1			2	3 000								1 11	40	50	
Burris city	48	2	24	1	6	6	1	800											
	1531	15	202	18	88	80	15	30 252	4	4750	8 55	232 70	9100	1 00	29	319	1748	4522	

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Muscatine	206	4	6	2	6	30	1	10 000				31 15	\$30			1 26	190	600	
Muscatine cir.	224	3	105	6	24	10						18 93				5 54	218	633	
Grandview	163	1	63	3	29	15	1	1000	1	600						1 20	163	200	
Oakdale	195	1	129	4	63	13	2	2000	1	700						4 10	169	400	
Blue Grass.....	189		36	1	31	23	2	500	1	900						3 28	50	155	
Cedar Valley ..	186	71	1	30	35	1		600	1	300						3 20	100	300	
Richmond	304	3	77	2	40	28	2	2200	1	250						4 36	230	425	
Washington...	120	1	1	2	7	8	1	6000				35 60				1 20	160	200	
North Bend....	88	4	52		14	15	1	1000								3 26	95	185	
Harrisburg.....	75	13	2	12	9	1		150								2 12	50	250	
Washingt'n cir	196	2	34	3	30	28	3	1800								5 45	130	350	
	1918	19	578	25	277	214	19	25 250	5	2750		85 68	\$30			32 297	1575	3696	

SECRETARY'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.

	Numbers			Bapt's.			Church Property			Benevolent Contribution			Sunday Schools						
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised	No of Churches	Probable value	No of Parsonages	Probable value	Collected for Conference claimants	Collected for Mission	Collec'ts for Tract Society.	Collected for Bible Society	Col. for S & Union	No. of Schools	No officers & T	No of Sunday Schoolers	No of volumes in Library
Mt Pleasant A	353	2	27	6	35	10	1	15 000	1	1000		145 05		100		1	35	350	550
" University	250		16	8	4	6			1	2000	9 60	170 55		75		1	25	256	700
" Circuit.....	458		32	8	70	20		5 4 500				46 50				6	65	300	1500
Salem	384	1	60	7	43	5		1 1 700				3 00				4	35	410	900
Glasgow.....	343	2	96	3	50	16		3 1 500				54 30				5	40	170	250
Fairfield.....	307	2	35	3	25	36		1 3 000	1	10 00		34 90	3360	100		2	40	109	600
Brockville...	306	3	59	4				2 4 000				5 10				8	88	415	770
Brighton	415	5	60	6	75	80		3 5 000	1	800		14 00				9	75	320	808
Marshall	230	1	33	5	30	35		2 5 000	1	800		20 30				3	49	204	750
Crawfordsville	370	4	48	5	54	32		2 2 500	1	700		10 00				8	101	312	1323
	3476	20	461	55	386	240	21	42 200	6	6300	9 60	603 70	3560	275		45	554	2946	7247

ALBIA DISTRICT.

Albia.....	100	3	20	2	30	21	1	350	1	530		3 00				1	7	96	375
Centerville.....	490	4	177	8	36	31		800	1	400	400	10 80		2775		1	14	60	195
Unionville.....	222		102	6	16	19		1100				75				1	11	25	50
Drakesville.....	254	1	18	1	14	19	3	2000	1	250		6 00				3	21	200	250
Bloomfield.....	140		25	2	10	14		3000				10 00		2800		2	33	152	395
Springville.....	411	6	61	2	50	75		2000	1	600						3	28	95	260
Florice.....	150	3	25	2	20	28	1	200								4	4	150	400
Agency city ...	364	14	65	5	23	17	3	5000	1	800		22 80				8	14	641	1151
Ottumwa.....	122	1	44		6	12	1	5000				68 43		2150		1	24	104	400
Chillicothe.....	138	3	14	3						1000		5 25		1100		1	31	125	310
Hamilton	165	1	75			3	2	700	1	75						8	64	400	430
Cleveland	216		27	2	4	2	1	2500								3	12	150	15
	2745	36	563	33	218	344	17	22 650	6	2655	1400	126 83		3825		36	389	2208	4221

OSCALOOSA DISTRICT.

Oscalosa.....	212	4	60	5	4	10	1	3 000				100 00				1	22	190	719
Eddyville.....	390	6	77	8	50	20	2	1 500				13 00			225	5	65	450	1000
Fremont.....	265	2	20	1	49	12	4	3 500				1 00		1500		4	35	125	40
Sigourney.....	173		23	1	13	10	1	1 000	1	250	100	5 00		10	100	1	16	75	400
Millersburg ...	325		2	1	30	10			1	400						1	13	60	120
Marengo.....	199		76	4	20	15			1	800						7	82	225	534
Montezuma.....	219		53	5	6	10	1	4 000				20 00				1	11	100	300
Indianapolis...	140		38	3					1	165									
Peoria.....	242	4	67	7	9	10	1	500								2	19	133	275
Pella.....	160		25	2	3	5	1	1 000								3	25	150	400
Attica.....	332	1	24	3	40	25	1	1 200	1	400		30 00		1200		5	30	250	250
	2657	17	501	40	215	127	12	15 700	5	2015	100	169 00		2800	325	30	318	1790	4397

DES MOINES DISTRICT

W. Des Moines	142	2	14	2	7	7	1	10 000				19 20		750		1	23	116	150
E. Des Moines.	41	1	3	1		2	1	2 060				20 00		1650		1	18	120	355
Adel	355		156	5												10	40	460	795
Winterset	190	4	121	3	10	21	1	2 200								3	38	155	390
Indianola	440	5	163	8	109	70	1	6 000	1	500		78 74	276	400	325	7	73	315	840
Hartford	282	2	120	7	69	14	2	1 6 0	1	200						7	44	360	700
Knoxville	465	1	74	2	60	6	1	5 000				24 50		5000		4	40	300	800
Rising Sun	255	3	69	9	78	6	3	1 500	1	400		10 00				8	67	300	1000
Greencastle ...	209		23	2	6														
Newton	174	1	54	1	12	10	1	1 800	1	500		42 00				1	18	100	500
Menroe	122			2	5	6	2	1 80				10 00				1	12	50	300
Panora	94	1	22	2	12	2	1	6 0				3 50				3	24	120	104
Wheeling	138		26		10	8	1	500											
	2907	20	851	44	360	152	15	28 000	4	1800		297	94	273	7800	323 46	397	2036	58 14

SECRETARYS REPORT—CONTINUED.

CHARITON DISTRICT.

	Numbers			Bapt's		Church Prop.			Benevolent Contribut'n				Sunday Schools							
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised:	No of Churches.	Probable value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable value.	Collected for Con- ference Claimants.	Collected for Mis- sions.	Collected for Tract Society.	Collected for Bible Society.	Collec'd for S S Un.	No of S. Schools	No Officers & T'chrs	No of Sunday S. scholars	No of volumes in Library.	
Chariton.....	80	12	1				1	1200	1	600						1	10	75	100	
" cir. . .	120	1	64	3	33	8						7 00			58	2	20	75	55	
Brooklyn.....	263	1	130	3	50	6			1	200		15 50				4	50	200	500	
Oceola.....	239	7	34	7	5	17										3				
Afton.....	94	1	60	7	8				1	400										
Mt Ayer.....	210	2	15	2	8	10										2	18	140	400	
Decatur.....	145	2	43	3	16	8	1	800			1 33					2	8	30	50	
Leon.....	205	4	83	9	5	6						2 00				7	67	260	1200	
Corydon.....	347	2	103	3	48	25						19 65				7	49	147	400	
Lagrange.....	216	2	35	3	16	8										7	40	200	400	
Newburn.....	127	1	62	1	24	15	1	600								6	33	150	1000	
Adair.....	17																			
	2063	23	641	42	213	103	3	2600	3	1200	1 33	44 15				58	41	295	1277	4003

COUNCIL BLUFFS MISSION DISTRICT.

Council Bluffs.	43	1	1	1	4	1	2500									1	10	60	100
Glenwood.....	85	12			1	1	1000									2	12	80	300
Loudon.....	150	3	60	2	8	9	1 300	1	600			13 10				6	46	263	575
Sidney.....	114	2	28	7	2	1	1300	1	400							1	8	40	100
Clarinda.....																			
Lewis & Pot'e..																			
Andubon.....	60	1	13													1	19	20	
Magaolia.....	50		13	1	5	2		1	1000			10 00				5	25	50	500
Taylor.....																			
Quincy.....	70	1	43	2		9	1 500	1	150							3	10	70	260
Montgomery...																			
Buena Vista...	46		5	4	4	7										3	24	88	150
	618	8	180	16	20	33	5500	4	2150			22 10				22	154	671	1975

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.			Benevolent Contributions.					Sunday Schools.									
	Members.	Deaths.	Probations.	Local Preachers.	Adults Baptised.	Children Baptised.	No. of Churches,	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Collected for Conference claimants.	Collected for Missions.	Collected for Tract Society.	Collected for Bible Society.	Collected for Sun. School Union.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	Number of Sunday School Scholars.	Number of volum's in S. S. Library.	Number of Bible Classes.	Number of Infant Classes.	Expenses.	Sunday School Advocates.	Conversions.
Keokuk district.....	2,316	28	388	26	135	138	19	\$51, 50	4	\$2,250	.....	\$124.86	.....	\$ 8.00	\$70.00	42	461	2132	6956	24	72	\$76.90	144	30
Burlington district....	1,531	15	202	18	88	80	15½	39,252	4	4,750	\$ 8.55	232.70	.....	91.00	1.00	29	319	1748	4522	30	260	225.84	405	16
Muscatine district.....	1,918	19	578	25	277	214	15	25,250	5	2,750	.....	83.68	.....	30.00	.....	32	297	1575	3698	54	274	278.24	343	189
Mt. Pleasant district..	3,476	20	461	55	386	240	21	42,200	6	6,300	9.00	603.70	\$35.60	175.00	.....	45	554	2946	7247	50	275	382.44	447	223
Albia district.....	2,745	36	553	33	218	244	17	22,660	6	2,655	14.00	126.83	.....	88.25	.....	36	384	2208	4221	22	144	238.40	350	147
Oska'ooza district	2,657	17	501	40	215	127	12	15,700	5	2,015	1.00	169.00	.....	28.00	3.25	30	318	1790	4397	18	61	92.90	2	46
Des Moines district ...	2,907	20	851	44	369	152	15	28,000	4	1,600	.....	207.94	2.75	78.00	3.25	46	397	2096	5844	29	3	74.00	88	16
Chariton district	2,063	23	641	42	213	103	3	2,600	3	1,200	1.33	44.15	.....	.....	58	41	295	1277	4005	18	162	174.46	165	115
Council Bluffs.....	618	8	180	16	20	33	5	5,600	4	2,150	.....	23.10	.....	.....	.....	22	154	671	1975	15	30	98.25	72	10
Total this year.....	20,231	186	4355	299	1921	1331	121½	\$232,302	41	\$25,674	\$34.45	\$1,617.95	\$38.35	\$498.25	\$78.08	323	3144	16443	42855	260	1401	\$761.43	2014	887
Total last year	17,889	186	2841	275	740	772	115	217,309	44	28,073	144.08	3,394.78	15.70	1,511.11	68.25	285	2820	13505	38004	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Increase.....	2,342	.....	1514	24	181	559	6½	14,993	.....	.....	.....	22.65	.....	.....	9.73	38	319	2938	4851	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2,405	109.50	1,770.82	.....	1,112.86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whole number of members this year											20,231													
" " probationers											4,355													
" " local preachers, "											299													
Total											21,885													
Aggregate last year											21,005													
Aggregate increase.....											880													
											Signed, R. H. WARING, Statistical Secretary,													

Signed,
E. H. WARING,
 Statistical Secretary,

LIST OF POST OFFICES.

Alphabetical list of preachers of the Iowa Conference, with their post-office addresses.

N. B. All the Post-offices are in Iowa, except when otherwise stated.

Allender, R. B.
Anderson, John W.
Audas, Thomas

Agency City, Wappello Co.
(not ascertained)
Drakesville, Davis co.

Badley, H. H.
Badley, A
Baker, John M.
Bamford, George W.
Barnhart, Abraham C.
Boyles, Thomas D.
Bradrick, Isaac A.
Bresee, Phineas F.
Briggs, E. L.
Brooks, Joseph
Brooks, Strange
Burgess, John
Burns, Isaac
Bussey, Amos
Byrkit, Geo. W..

Rising Lun, Polk co.
Knoxville, Marion co..
Beuna Vista, Harrison co..
Attica, Marion co..
Sigourney, Keokuk Co.
Unionville, Appanoose co..
Burlington, Des Moines co.
Pella, Marion co.
Keokuk, Lee co.
97 Fourth st, St. Louis, Mo..
Loudon, Mills, co.
Springfield, Davis co.
Glenwood, Mills co.
Chariton, Lucas co.
Bentonsport. Van Buren co..

Carey, Francis H.
Carey, John R.
Carrier, Marcus
Clark, Geo. H.
Clemmer, George
Coiner, E. T.
Cole, D. P.
Conrad, George W.
Conrad, J. M.
Corkhill, Thomas E.
Cowles, W. F.
Craig, Jessee
Crellin, Henry
Crowell, Luther

Florice, Davis co.
Brighton, Washington co.
Panora, Guthrie co.
Centreville, Appanoose co..
(not ascertained)
(not ascertained)
Clarinda, Page co..
Pittsburgh, Van Buren co..
(not ascertained)
Keokuk, Lee co,
Oskaloosa, Mahaska co.
Birmingham, Van Buren co.
Crawfordsville, Washington co.
Dodgeville, Des Moines co.

Darrah, John
Delay, Jacob
Dennett, Wesley

Mount Pleasant, Henry co.
Leon, Decatur co.
Washington, Washington co.

- Dickinson, D
 Dixon, Thomas
 Donahue, Reed M.
 Elliott, Charles
 Elrod, John
 Evans, Frank W.
 Fleming, E. M. H.
 Friend, Geo. W.
 Garrison, S. F. C.
 Gassner, Joseph
 Gibson, Hugh
 Goodfellow, T. M.
 Goolman, J. F.
 Gordon, L. B.
 Gruber, S. S.
 Guylee, John
 Haines, Sandford
 Hammond, J. Q.
 Hardy, Joshua B.
 Hare, M. H.
 Harris, John
 Hayden, John
 Haynes, James
 Hestwood, Samuel
 Hill, J. B.
 Holtzinger, P. F.
 Holland, Benj.
 Hopkins, J. H.
 Howbart, William
 Ingalls, Pearl P.
 Jay, John
 Jocelyn, Geo. B.
 Johnston, Allen W.
 Kirkpatrick, A. J.
 Latham, J. W.
 Laubach, Abraham
 M'Claskey, Isaac
 M'Cutchen, J. H.
 M'Donald, A. C.
 M Dowell, Joseph
 Maxon, Joseph W.
 Chariton, Lucas co.
 Dallas, Marion, co.
 Council Bluffs, Potawatomie co
 Mount Pleasant, Henry co.
 Washington, Washington co.
 Ottumwa, Wappello, co.
 Newton, Jasper co.
 Grandview, Louisa co.
 Richmond, Washington co.
 Keosauqua, Van Buren co.
 New London, Henry co.
 Winterset, Madison co.
 Farmington, Lee co.
 Millersburg, Iowa co.
 Peoria, Mahaska co.
 Glenwood, Mills co.
 Fairfield, Jefferson co.
 Albia, Monroe co.
 Rising Sun, Polk co.
 Mount Pleasant, Henry co.
 Burlington, Des Moines co.
 Libertyville, Jefferson co.
 Indianola, Warren co.
 Bloomfield, Davis co.
 Muscatine, Muscatine co.
 Marshall, Henry co.
 Indianapolis, Mahaska co.
 (not ascertained.)
 Quincy, Adams co.
 Mt. Pleasant, Henry co.
 Kirkville, Wappello co.
 Des Moines city, Polk co.
 Adel, Dallas co.
 Mt. Pleasant, Henry co:
 Vernon, Van Buren co.
 Hartford, Warren co.
 Wappello, Louisa co.
 (not ascertained.)
 East Des Moines, Polk co.
 Mt. Pleasant, Henry co.
 Fairfield, Henry co.

Mellens, Charles
 Miller, Miltiades
 Miller, Adam
 Miller, Emory
 Mitchell, Bennett
 Morey, Cyrus
 Mulholland, Richard
 Murphy, A. H.
 Murphy, Dennis
 Orr, Abner
 Petefish, D. H.
 Peterson, Will S.
 Pile, William
 Poston, William
 Power, John H.
 Power, Geo. N.
 Prather, A. S.
 Rand, James S.
 Rawls, J. B.
 Reynolds, Commodore P.
 Reynolds, Samuel
 Robinson, Richard S.
 Robinson, Anthony
 Robinson, D. W.
 Rowley, Loveland T.
 Rust, J. M.
 See, Michael
 Shelton, Orville C.
 Sherwood, Jesse
 Shinn, Benjamin
 Shippen, W. C.
 Simmons, J. T.
 Simpson, William
 Slusser, F. M.
 Smith, D. N.
 Smith, L. A.
 Spaulding, W. J.
 Spooner, Calvin F.
 Stewart, Isaac I.
 Stryker, Almond W.
 Sweem, D. T.
 Teas, George W.
 Teeter, Isaac P.

Burriss City, Louisa co.
 Keokuk, Lee co.
 Mt. Pleasant, Henry co.
 Muscatine, Muscatine co.
 Afton, Union co.
 Bentonsport, Van Buren co.
 Maquoketa, Jackson co.
 Greencastle, Jasper co.
 Salem, Henry co.
 Grinnell, Powsheik co.
 Pacific, City Mills co.
 Bedford, Taylor co.
 Salem, Henry co.
 (not ascertained.)
 Middletown, Des Moines co.
 West Point, Lee co.
 Denmark, Lee co.
 Magnolia, Harrison co.
 Brooklyn, Madison co.
 West Liberty, Muscatine co.
 Burlington, Des Moines co.
 Garden Grove, Decatur co.
 Blakesburg, Wappello co.
 Montezuma, Powshick co.
 Troy, Van Buren co.
 Exira, Audubon co.
 Brookville, Wappello co.
 Glasgow, Jefferson co.
 Lagrange, Lucas co.
 Millersburg, Iowa co.
 Libertyville, Jefferson co.
 Richmond, Washington co.
 Oskaloosa, Mahaska co.
 Marengo, Iowa co.
 Chariton, Lucas co.
 Wheeling, Marion co.
 Mt. Pleasant, Henry co.
 Mt. Ayr, Ringold co.
 Eddyville, Wappello co.
 Blue Grass; Scott co.
 Hamilton, Marion co.
 Washington, Washington co.
 Albia, Monroe co.

Thomas, Hiram W.
 Thompson, James G.
 Thompson, Dugald
 Todd, J. W.
 Twining, E. W.

Waring, Edmund H.
 Watson, William A.
 Waymen, Manasseh B.
 Wells, Nelson
 Williams, William C.
 Williams, B. F.
 Winans, Ephraim H.
 Wood, Enoch
 Woodford, Lucas C.
 Woolsey, Charles
 Worthington, David

Fort Madison, Lee co.
 Danville, Des Moines co.
 Decatur City, Decatur co.
 (not ascertained.)
 Washington, Washington co.
 Kossuth, Des Moines co.
 (not ascertained.)
 Danville, Des Moines co.
 Lebanon, Van Buren cr.
 Corydon, Wayne co.
 Chariton, Lucas co.
 Osceola, Clark co.
 Monroe, Jasper co.
 Richmond, Washington co.
 Sidney, Fremont co.
 Muscatine, Muscatine co.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

APPOINTMENTS.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Schol- ars.	No. of Vols.	No. of Bible Classes.	No. in Infant Class.	Expenses of S. Schools.	Amt. col. for S. S. Union.	Number of S. S. Advocates.	Number con- versions.
KEOKUK DISTRICT.										
Keokuk: Exchange-street.	1	30	140	100	4	4			50	
" Chatam square, ;										
Montrose,	4	37	140	515						
Farmington,	5	43	255	790	4		\$20,20		40	80
Bentonsport,	6	75	260	924						
Birmingham,	3	36	210	500	3	30				
Keosauqua,	2	22	190	500	3	30			10	
Troy,	9	54	280	1300						
Pittsburg,	1	15	64	300	2	6	3,50		20	
Vernon,	2	28	130	175						
Libertyville,	4	36	150	200		2				
Keokuk city mission,	1	20	100	236	2		30,00		24	
Sugar creek,	4	21	138	317	2		22,75		4	
	42	417	2057	5857	24	72	\$76,45		144	80
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.										
Burlington: Old Zion charge,	1	18	140	600	5	40	\$50,00		100	10
Ebenezer,	1	20	175	425	2	40	30,00		35	
Fort Madison,	2	20	105	340	1	20	30,00		20	

APPOINTMENTS.	No. Sunday Schools.	Offi- ers and Teac- hrs.	Num- ber of Scholars.	Num- ber of Volun- teers	No. of Bible Classes.	No in Infant Class.	Expenses of S. Schools.	Amt. col'd for Sun. S. Union,	No. of S. S. Advocates.	Number of conversions
Denmark,	4	34	100	367		12	\$ 11,20		50	3
West Point,	2	35	223	500	3	43	46,08		25	
Augusta,	6	75	355	944	9	39	37,75		88	14
New London,	3	43	232	390	2	40	7,00		50	25
Dodgville,	5	40	300	350	1	1	1,00			3
Kossuth,	2	23	86	350	9		21,75		25	
Wappello, (No report)										
Burris City,	1	11	40	50		15			10	6
	28	329	1835	4466	30	260	\$225,84		403	61
MUSCATINE DISTRICT.										
Muscatine station,	1	26	190	600	8	114	\$ 17,74		60	5
" circuit,	5	54	218	633	5	40	41,25		100	5
Grand View,	1	20	162	200						
Oak Dale,	4	10	189	400	4		61,25		30	20
Blue Grass,	3	28	50	155	2	36	16,00			50
Cedar Valley,	3	20	100	400	1		10,00		32	
Richmond,	4	36	230	425	3		28,00		25	34
Washington,	1	16	163	200	4	40	16,00		75	30
" circuit,	5	45	130	350	5	30			15	30
North Bend,	3	26	95	185	12	13				
Harrisburg,	2	12	50	250	10					
	32	293	1577	3798	54	274	\$298,24		343	189

APPOINTMENTS.	No of Sun- day schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Volumes.	No of Bible Classes.	No in Infant Class.	Expenses of S. Schools.	Amt. col'd for Sun. S. Union.	No. of S. S. Advocates.	Number of conversions
MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.										
Mount Pleasant: Asbury,	1	35	350	550	6	7	\$125,06		200	70
" " University,	1	25	120	700	2	60	61,03		100	40
" " circuit,	6	65	300	1550	8	25	50,06		8	50
Salem,	4	36	410	900	3	36			18	12
Glasgow,	5	40	170	650	5		28,00			20
Fairfield,	2	40	209	690	5	44	72,41		61	19
Brookville,	8	88	415	778	4					
Brighton,	7	75	320	80	12	160	46,06		40	34
Marshall,	3	49	204	758	6	40				12
Crawfordsville,	8	101	312	1321	8	3			20	
	45	554	2810	6577	50	395	\$382,44		447	223
DES MOINES DISTRICT.										
Des Moines,	1	13	116	150	2	40	\$45,00		76	7
" mission,	1	18	120	355	2				20	
Adel,	10	40	160	795			38,00			20
Winterset,	3	30	155	300	3	40	36,00		56	30
Indianola,	7	73	315	840	8	40	10,00		72	40
Hartford,	7	44	316	700						
Knoxville,	4	40	300	800						18
Rising Sun,	8	67	300	1000	2	2	40,00		40	40
Newton,	1	18	100	500	2	20	40,00		17	

APPOINTMENTS.	No of Sun- day schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Volumes.	No of Bible Classes.	No in Infant Class.	Expenses of S. Schools.	Amt. col'd for Sun. S. Union.	No. of S. S. Advocates.	Number of conversions
Monroe,	1	12	50	300	2	2	\$26,00		50	
Wheeling, (no report.)										
Greencastle, (no report,)										
Penoria,	3	24	120	102	1		3,40		1	
	46	397	2061	5842	22	144	\$238,40		350	147
CHARITON DISTRICT.										
Chariton station, (no report.)										
" circuit,	2	20	75	55	6	5	\$14,00			
Brooklyn,	4	30	200	500	3		10,00			7
Oceola, (no report,)										
Afton, (no report,)										
Mt. Ayer,	2	18	140	600	3	40	5,00			
Decatur,	2	8	30	50	1	16	15,00			
Corydon,	6	30	200	400	0					55
Lagrange,	7	40	200	400	1					14
Newburn,	5	30	150	300	4					
Adair,										
Leon,	7	67	260	1200			48,90		2	
Corydon,	7	49	147	400						
	36	262	1002	3705	18	61	\$92,90		2	46
ALBIA DISTRICT.										
Albia station,	13	28	95	250	1		\$10,00		2	

APPOINTMENTS.	No of Sun- day schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Number of Volumes.	No of Bible Classes.	No in Infant Class.	Expenses of S. Schools.	Amt col'd for Sun. S. Union.	No. of S. S. Advocates.	Number of conversions
Centerville,	1	14	60	195						
Drakesville,	3	24	200	250	1	3			20	5
Unionville,	1	5	25	50	6					
Bloomfield,	2	33	150	395			\$40,00		29	
Springville,	3	28	95	250	1		10,50		2	
Florice,	4	40	150	400					10	5
Agency City,	8	140	641	1150	6					
Ottumwa,	1	24	104	400	5		13,00		20	
Chillicothe,	3	31	135	310					5	3
Hamilton,	8	64	400	430	8					
Cleveland,										
	37	395	2050	4080	29	3	\$74,00		88	13
OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.										
Oskaloosa,	1	22	190	1719	1	99	\$30,00			20
Eddyville,	5	65	450	1000	2	39	71,00	\$2,25	43	40
Fremont,	4	35	125	400	6	14	10,00			4
Meringo,	7	82	255	593	2		42,15		12	8
Montezuma,	1	15	100	300	2					25
Indianapolis,										
Peoria,	2	19	135	275						
Attica,	5	30	200	259	2	25				5
Sigourney,	1	16	75	400		3	40,00			8

APPOINTMENTS.		No of Sun- day schools:	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars:	Number of Volumes:	No of Bible Classes:	No in Infant Class:	Expenses of S: Schools:	Amt: col'd (for Sun; S: Union,	No of S. S Advocates.	Number of conversions
Pella,	.	3	34	145	450	2		6,25		25	5
Millersburg,	.	1	15	60	120	1		20,		25	
COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT.		30	333	1738	4507	18		174,40	\$7,67	165	119
Council Bluffs,	.	1	10	60	100	1					
Glenwood,	.	2	12	80	300	2				60	10
Louden,	.	6	46	263	500						
Sidney,	-	1	8	40	100	4	10				
Clarinda,	-										
Lewis and Pottawattomia,	-										
Adubon,	-	1	5	20		2					
Magnolia,	-	5	25	50	500	5	20	75,			
Quincy,	-	3	20	70	250	1		8,			
Montgomery,	-										
Buena Vista,	-	3	24	88	150			15,25		12	
Taylor,	-										
		22	150	677	1991	15	30	98,25		72	01

TREASURERS' REPORT FOR IOWA CON. MISSION-
ARY SOCIETY, for the year ending Sep. 11th, 1858.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Bentonsport, by Cyrus Morey,	.	.	:	37 35
Keosauqua, by L. T. Rowley,	.	.	.	1 00
Troy ct, by B. Holland,	.	.	.	5 00
Vernon ct, by J. W. Hunt,	.	.	.	4 45
Libertyville, by J. H. McCutcheon,	.	.	.	51 75
Keokuk, Exchange Street, by M. F. Shinn,				
Keokuk, Chatham Square, by J. C. Smith,				
Montrose, by R. Mulholland,				
Farmington, by J. F. Goolman,	.	.	.	17 00
Birmingham, by S. Brooks,	.	.	.	7 75
Pittsburg, by N. Wells,				
Keokuk City Mission, by S. Haines,				
Sugar Creek,				

\$124 30

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Burlington, Old Zion, by J. A. Bradrick,	.	.	.	41 00
Burlington, Ebenezer, by S. Reynolds,	.	.	.	7 00
Denmark Circuit, by A. S. Prather,	.	.	:	10 00
Kossuth Circuit, by E. H. Waring,	.	.	.	50 00
West Point, by G. N. Power,	.	.	.	10,00
Dodgeville Circuit, by I. McClaskey,	.	.	.	8 85
New London Circuit, by H. Gibson,	.	.	.	44 60
Augusta Circuit, by D. Worthington,	.	.	.	62 25
Fort Madison, by D. H. Sargent,				
Wapello, J. G. Thompson,				
Burrass City Mission, by Abner Orr,				

233 70

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Muscatine Station, by John Harris,	.	.	.	31 15
Muscatine Circuit, by J. B. Hill,	.	.	.	18 95
Washington Circuit, by W. C. Shippen,	.	.	:	42 79
Washington Station, by W. Dennett,	.	.	:	46 60
Grandview, by John Elrod,				
Oakdale, by J. W. Sullivan,				
Blue Grass, by G. W. Friend,				
Cedar Valley, by A. W. Stryker,				

Richmond, by J. T. Simmons,
 North Bend, by W. Poston,
 Harrisburgh Mission,

 139 49

MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.

Mt. Pleasant Circuit, by M. See,	.	.	52 54
Brighton Circuit, by A. J. Kirkpatrick,	.	.	14 00
Glasgow Circuit, by O. C. Shelton,	.	.	56 00
Crawfordsville Circuit, by C. P. Reynolds,	.	.	10 00
Marshall Circuit, H. W. Thomas,	.	.	15 30
Mt. Pleasant, Asbury Chapel, by M. H. Hare,			145 05
University Chapel, by C. Elliott,	.	.	170 93
Salem, by W. A. Pile,	.	.	3 00
Fairfield, by P. F. Holsinger,	.	.	71 40
Brookville, by J. Gassner,	.	.	5 10

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OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Eddyville Circuit, by R. S. Robinson,	.	.	13 00
Montezuma, by J. Craig,	.	.	20 00
Attica Circuit, by G. W. Bamford,	.	.	30 00
Sigourney Circuit, by F. M. Slusser,	.	.	5 00
Oskaloosa station, by W. F. Cowles,	.	.	100 00
Freemont, by J. Jay,			
Millersburgh Mission, by Benjamin Shinn,			
Marengo, by A. C. Barnhart,			
Indianapolis, by W. A. Scott,			
Peoria, by S. S. Gruber,			
Pella, by D. W. Robinson,			

 168 00

ALBIA DISTRICT.

Bloomfield Station, by S. Hestwood,	.	.	10 00
Unionville Circuit, by F. H. Carey,	.	.	75
Albia Station, by F. W. Evans,	.	.	3 00
Chillicothe Circuit, by G. H. Clark,	.	.	5 25
Agency City Circuit, by R. B. Allender,	.	.	22 80
Ottumwa Station, by A. Robinson,	.	.	68 50
Centerville, by E. L. Briggs,	.	.	10 60
Drakesville, by I. P. Teter,	.	.	5 00
Springville, by T. D. Boyles,			
Florence Mission, by B. Mitchell,			
Hamilton, by W. S. Peterson,			
Cleveland,			

 125 90

CHARITON DISTRICT.

Chariton Mission, by B. F. Williams,	7 00
Corydon Circuit, by D. T. Sweem,	19 65
Leon Circuit, by E. T. Coyner,	2 00
Chariton, by L. Crowell,	
Brooklyn, by T. Dixon,	13 00
Osceola, by J. R. Carey,	
Afton Mission, by C. F. Spooner,	
Mt. Ayer Mission, by J. Sherwood,	
Decatur Mission, by W. C. Williams,	
Lagrange, by J. Delay,	
Newburn, by J. B. Rawls,	
Adair, by Wm. Clarridge,	
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DESMOINES DISTRICT.

Des Moines Station, by G. B. Jocelyn,	19 20
Des Moines City Mission, by A. C. McDonald,	20 00
Newton Station, by E. M. H. Fleming,	42 00
Indianola, by H. H. Badle,	78 74
Knoxville, by A. Badley,	24 50
Panora, by M. Carrier,	3 50
Rising Sun, by L. A. Smith,	10 00
Adell, by A. W. Johnson,	
Winterset, by J. Haynes,	
Hartford, by A. Lawback,	
Greencastle, by A. H. Murphey,	
Monroe, by A. Bussey,	
Wheeling, by E. Wood,	
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COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT.

Louden Circuit, by W. Howbert,	13 10
Magnolia, by J. S. Rand. (^{\$10 in} _{note A.})	20 00
Council Bluff Mission, by T. M. Goodfellow,	
Glenwood Mission, by D. H. Petefish,	
Sidney, by C. Woolsey,	
Clarinda,	
Lewis and Potawatamie, by J. M. Rust,	
Audabon Mission, by J. M. Baker,	
Taylor, by J. Kelley,	
Quincy, by I. Burns,	
Montgomery, by R. M. Donahoe,	
Buena Vista, by J. Anderson,	
	<hr/> 33 10
Received for Anniversary Collection,	63 50
Received of former Treasurer,	15 00

Received of A. Lawback, annual dues to C. M. So.	1 00
Add for gain in count,	1 10
Whole amount,	<u>\$1,687 91</u>
There is reported above as sent to Treasurers at N. Y. and Cincinnati,	\$54 38
Also notes payable here,	50 00
Additional amounts sent to Chicago and Cincinnati,	36 00
Additional amount sent to Chicago,	5 10
Additional amount sent to New York,	50 00
Amount of cash received at Conference and paid over to L. Swormstedt, ass't Tr.	<u>\$1,492 43</u>
Mt. Pleasant Dis., Fairfield,	\$61 80
“ “ Sabbath School,	9 60
Total,	<u>71 40</u>
“ Asbury Chapel,	140 05
“ “ Sabbath School,	5 00
Total,	<u>145 05</u>
Demoiner District, Indianola,	66 20
“ “ Sabbath School,	12 54
Public call for Missions in France,	<u>78 74</u>
Report from Bentonport for Foreign Missions,	63 50
	<u>10 00</u>

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

RENDERED TO THE CORPORATORS SEPTEMBER, 8, 1858.

Dear Brethren,—In compliance with the requirements of your by-laws, which make it the duty of your Secretary to report to you annually the condition of the institution of which you are the corporators, I ask to be permitted to lay before you the following as my report, embracing a brief review of the doings of the Board of Trustees, together with the condition of the institution, both financial and otherwise, for the conference year of 1857-8:

At the time of making my last report, Rev. L. W. Berry, D. D., was President of the institution. For more than two years, with great wisdom, and skill, and prudence, he labored for the advancement of all its interests; but feeling called upon to identify himself with an educational enterprise in the State of Missouri, he accordingly tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees, convened November 25, 1857.

The vacancy thus created was filled by the election of Rev. Charles Elliott, D. D. L. L. D., President pro tem. Rev. J. M. Leavitt was, on the 26th of November, 1857, duly elected President of the Iowa Wesleyan University, and, at the same meeting, Rev. G. C. Whitlock, A. M., was elected to the chair of Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, made vacant by the death of our beloved friend and brother, C. G. Downey, A. M., which I reported to you at your last meeting. Prof. Whitlock, now in Victoria University, Canada, accepts the chair to which he has been elected, and will be ready to take his place among us in May next.

The annual meeting of the Board was convened June 18, 1858, at which time the declination of Rev. J. M. Leavitt, president elect, was presented and read; whereupon the Board resolved upon filling the vacancy, and upon the first ballot, Rev. Charles Elliott, D. D. L. L. D., was declared unanimously elected President of the Iowa Wesleyan University. Thus far God has directed us in the choice of presidents, and those who have presided over our institutions have shown themselves not only competent and fully qualified for their high and responsible position, but, also, to be men of large

and generous soul, capable of grasping the loftiest ideas connected with the interests of sanctified learning, and wielding them with telling effect upon the destiny of the Iowa Wesleyan University. And now that your board of instruction is full, may God grant that no vacancy may soon occur again.

At their last meeting the Board of Trustees passed a resolution, asking the corporators to order the issuing and sale of *perpetual transferable scholarships*, to be sold at two hundred dollars each; also, the issuing and sale of a limited transferable scholarship, a form for which will be found accompanying this report. They also ordered that your attorney, Hon. E. Kilpatrick, execute a mortgage upon the college and college property, amounting to nine thousand dollars, in favor of the endowment fund, to secure funds collected from said fund, and applied to the payment of the debts of the University. They also repudiated the mortgage which the Executive committee ordered to be given to A. Lee, Esq. They also ask that Rev. John Darrah be continued in his relation as agent of the institution.

THE LAW DEPARTMENT, to which I called your attention in my last report, has been organized and placed under the control of Hon. James Harlan and Henry Ambler, Esq., men in every respect competent to impart thorough instruction in the various departments of the profession of law.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES, Rev. Adam Miller, M. D., was elected to the chair of German Language and Literature.

I am glad to be able, in this report, to state that great unanimity and harmony prevails throughout the entire institution, No pains have been spared, by either President or professors, in making it all that could be desired. And, further, I would state that the instructions given, are thorough and of the very highest moral character. While sectarian peculiarities are carefully avoided, great efforts are made to impress the mind of every student with the highest sense of his obligations to God. *Religion*, or, in other words, the *fear of God*, is made the great desideratum, and enters largely into all the arrangements and instructions of the institution, and is strongly inculcated by both precept and example.

THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, although in its infancy, is open for the accommodation of all who may wish to avail themselves of a thorough course. It is intended to make this department second to none of the kind in the west, and fully adequate to the wants of the present age. The manifest duty of the Church in Iowa is, to provide, upon our own soil, and

within our own institutions, for the thorough education and training of our own ministers. In pursuance of this great object, I am glad to be able to report to you the existence of this department in our institution. It is very properly placed under the wise control of the President, Rev. Chas. Elliott—a man of large experience, sound judgment, deep piety, and indomitable perseverance—who has given his entire life to the Church and to the cause of his Master; and it is the opinion of your Secretary, that a more competent person could not be found to take charge of this department. I, therefore, would urge the brethren of this conference to direct the attention of the young men of our state, who purpose entering the ministry, to this department of the Iowa Wesleyan University. I would also report that the other departments—Literary, Scientific, Preparatory, etc.—are all in a prosperous condition.

Permit me now to lay before you a brief statement of the financial condition of the University, stating that the items, as set forth in the following exhibit, have been carefully collected from the records of the institution, and, as I believe, are not exaggerated. And it should be remembered that all that is here shown, except the campus, is the result of less than four years labor, a fact which should inspire in us a determination to persevere till our institution be placed upon an immovable basis.

ENDOWMENT.

Whole number of scholarships sold,	-	-	-	\$43,300 00
Real estate donated,	-	-	-	1,000 00
Real estate with value guarantied,	-	-	-	18,000 00
Property belonging to the apparatus fund	-	-	-	1,645 00
Books, etc., belonging to library fund,	-	-	-	1,403 50
Probable value of buildings and grounds,	-	-	-	30,000 00
“ “ Stoves, furniture, etc.,	-	-	-	717 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$96,065 50

CONTINGENT.

Amount due on subscription of \$20,000,	-	-	-	\$ 9,506 91
Real estate donated	-	-	-	2,350
Interest due on scholarships,	-	-	-	3,000
Collected on North-Western University notes,	-	-	-	2,133
Amount of outstanding tuition fees,	-	-	-	50
Total assets belonging to the Contingent Fund,	-	-	-	\$17,039 91
Total assets of the institution,	-	-	-	\$113,105 41

LIABILITIES.

Notes at ten per cent, John Hendee, - - -	\$ 6,500 00
" " " " " A. Lee, - - -	6,850 00
" " " " " John Hiatt, - - -	300 00
Notes bearing 1½ per cent. per mo., J. Whiting, - -	3,000 00
" " " " " " A. W. Saunders, -	390 00
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Total at interest, to individuals, - - -	\$17,040 00
Due teachers, - - - - -	1,878 00
Due agents, - - - - -	1,300 00
Due sundries, - - - - -	455 00
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Total to individuals, - - - - -	\$20,673 00
Due Scholarship Fund, - - - - -	9,000 00
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Total liabilities, - - - - -	\$29,673 00
Add, to cover probable losses, - - - - -	17,000 00
Total assets, - - - - -	\$113,105 41
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Total liabilities, - - - - -	29,673 00
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Actual value of assets belonging to the I. W. Uni.,	83,432 41
Deduct for probable losses, - - - - -	17,000 00
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Total, - - - - -	66,432 41

Although, as will be seen from the foregoing exhibit, our institution is by no means free from debt; yet a small effort upon the part of our people, will cancel all its liabilities and place it upon a safe and firm basis.

It was very truthfully stated by our venerable president, while editor of the Western Christian Advocate, that "the Iowa Annual Conference alone is more capable of endowing an institution of learning, than was the entire church thirty years ago."

Yet our ability will be a curse rather than a blessing unless we bring it to bear upon the object of our desire.

We are to-day resting under the most solemn pledges, and obligations, to the people of Iowa and to the world, to establish and perpetuate this institution.

We have asked aid at the hands of the friends of education among us, and they have to a considerable extent, responded to that call. We have sent out our publications, and notices, over the entire continent, so that every family in which was found even a Methodist almanac, was also found a picture of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

Thus we find ourselves pledged to the citizens of our own state, to the world, to the church, to our God, to sustain this institution.

The M. E. Church seems to be divinely called to assume a leading position in the educational movements of the day.

To confer then with flesh and blood is exceedingly dangerous.

To hesitate, is destructive of our highest and best interests. To cling to our gold will bring with crushing weight the curse of God upon us. We have taken our stand and hurled our colors to the breeze, therefore necessity is laid upon us, and we cannot do otherwise than go forward, if we would stand justified before our fellow men. But shall we despair of success, after having struggled through difficulties and embarrassments to the present high and commanding position. Shall we give up?

Methinks in such a case, the souls of our sainted brethren, who have died at their posts, amid the toils and difficulties, and privations of other years, would, if permitted, gladly start from their rest before the throne, grasp again the armour, and count it their highest joy to consummate this work so nobly begun.

For some wise purpose God has turned the world's eye upon America. The valley of the Mississippi is its central and most inviting portion. The savage has disappeared from our plains, and civilized men stand in their place. The wigwam has given place to the palace, and the trail of the Indian is lost in the excavations of the railway. The smoke of the camp-fire may yet hang upon the peaks of the Rocky Mountains, but the sun of religious prosperity shines in the vallies beneath.

The scream of the steam whistle among us is a true signa of the arrival of the masses that press upon our shores. For years they have been crowding upon us. The vicissitudes or fortune or changes in the circumstances of our country oppose no insuperable difficulty in their way. They come from Asia, from Africa, from Europe and from the Islands of the sea, to live and die in our midst. They bring with them their old dogmas, and idolatrous and superstitious notions. They come in the providence of God to learn civilization and christianity among us. Will we, then, in the spirit of our Master, bid them welcome to our shores, will we open to them our schools and our churches. Will we, by a well regulated system of mental and moral training; divest them of their perverted notions of liberty and religion, and make of them honorable citizens of this great republic. If we will, we are safe. If we will not, then the rationalism of the German, the infidelity of the French, the superstitions of the Italian and Spaniard, together with a host of principles positively idolatrous; like so many dark portentous clouds of night will spread over our bright horizon, while insurrection, civil strife and bloodshed write upon every page of our history:

“ The glory is departed.”

Brethren, members of the Iowa Annual Conference, it is ours under God, when the enemy comes in like a flood upon us to lift up a standard against him. Those minds trained in the I. W. University, will render us efficient service in future years. Will we rally around this institution? Will we cancel its liabilities and protect its interest until having accomplished our task, we shall rest from our labor and our work will follow us.

Respectfully submitted;

THOS. E. CORKHILL; Sec'y.

